I wear the veil of privacy

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This Book to the Reader.

Worldlings, avaunt! Unseen I wish to be,
I wear the veil and vow of privacy.

Saturday. January 1st. 1831. Another year has gone with the years beyond the flood. The fearful worm that measures off our lives has now a leap the less to take, & is already gathering itself up for another. Years & months! Cycles & epicycles in the revolutions of time, airy nothings in the vastness of infinity. Circling eddies in the Maelstrom of Eternity! We are whirled a few times in its giddy vortex and then swallowed up for ever. The past! A night without a dawn, darkness unbroken, except by the feeble glimmerings gleamings of memory. The future! A ~~dar~~ thick overshadowing cloud, where imagination builds her castles, & which hope here & there brightens, Dispelled only by the kindling rays of immortality. The present. I have it, and ~~yet~~ 'tis gone forever. O for an eternal now. Without this, man ~~is~~ were a mere mote among the warring atoms of Chaos. with it he is a spirit in a universe of immortal souls.

Though to day is new years, nothing has happene to distinguish it from other days as far as I am concerned. Wife has been presented with a new silk cloak & I with sundry bills for payment, among the rest, one for the aforesaid cloak. Have seen nothing worth mentioning except a gold ring on Mary Blake's finger sparkling with a diamond as brilliantly bright as the soul of a burning martyr. To that ring hangs a tale, and probably no part of the tale remains to be told. Have heard nothing new worth recording, & read nothing new except a few cases in Burrow and Tom Shepherd's report upon the Bar rules, as Chairman of a Committee of the Working men. Sam Lyman tells me that I am supposed to have furnished him with a copy of them which is not true, though I should have done it if he had requested it. Perhaps he did see my copy however without my knowledge. This Tom has had more litigated cases, sued more men for debt, & imprisoned more, than any other man in the County. Intended to have finished the 4th of Burrow to day but was prevented by an interminable bore from Capt Hutchens & a visit from S. Lyman. Having a stiff neck & sore head he wanted to while away his time out of his office & gave me an agreeable call. He is too much of a man of inference to be a strict matter of *fact* man. One of the most refined male gossips of the time. He does not content himself with the humble task of retailing the common scandal of the Town, but speculates upon it; draws remote and rather startling conclusions, and on the whole is one of the most agreeable & intelligent men you commonly meet with. I believe he is friendly to me & that he would aid me, *out* of my professional course, all in his power, but *in* it, paddling as I am for life, I dont believe that he, more than any other brother lawyer, would lend a hand, unless it were to see if I could breathe by being held entirely under water. This is the disposition of poor weak human nature.

Sunday Jany 2d. A day not well spent in thought or word, and not all that it might have been in deed. Attended Abbott's preaching. Morning a new year's sermon. The idea that living to the beginning of a new year is apt to make us think that we are sure of another. was a good one. Afternoon. upon the use of scriptural allusions upon light and trifling occasions - Cut me, as I gave this toast at a Masonic Supper last Monday eve.

Renouncing Masons. And unclean spirits entered into the swine & the whole herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea & were choked", Which raised something of a laugh. This would have been a better one.

Masonry. Better than the blood of kindred, it creates an alliance of hearts, a brotherhood of souls.

Finished Mark & read a few chapters in Luke. The preface to Luke raised a doubt as to his being an eye witness of what he relates. He says whereas many have undertaken to set forth those truths which are believed among *us*, as *they* delivered them unto *us* which from the beginning were eye-witnesses. This seems to imply that he himself as one of *us* merely had the truths related to him from an eye witness & not that he was a witness himself. The perfect understanding he speaks of, might be an acquaintance with the things believed or the historical facts. This would make his testimony hearsay & of course less conclusive if we examine it as we would other testimony, which I conceive to be the duty of every thinking man. There is something too wonderfully inexplicable in the miraculous conception. This of course rests upon the testimony of Mary alone, except by admitting hearsay evidence. Her testimony however is unshaken & was believed at the time. Mem. - Examine these points & also the foretelling of the ~~destruction~~ end of the world which seems to be spoken of by Christ as near at hand. How the Unitarians can admit the history of the miraculous birth & yet deny the preexistence as many do. seems to me wonderful. We cannot account for such mysterious circumstances attending the birth of a mere man.

Oh could we make our doubts remove
Those gloomy doubts that rise
And see the Canaan that we love
With unbeclouded eyes; &c.

The Bible is surely the work of Divinity; so plain that he who runs may read, so profound that no human mind can fathom it. Its very obscurities bespeak its origin, ~~as we~~ as well as its revelations its great Author.

Monday Jany 3d. To day finished the 4th of Burrow which contains the famous cases of Millar v Taylor on literary property, Rex v Wilkes who was convicted of a libel & outlawed & reversed the outlawry by writ of error, & Perrin v Blake on the construction of "heirs of ~~my~~ their body" in a will, whether words of limitation or purchase after an estate for life is granted the power to sell being expressly taken away in the tenant for life. Done no business except to close Fowle's concern with Capt Hutchens, for which I took a fee of six dollars with the conscientious reflection that I had faithfully & beneficially served both parties. Also signed a writ as Justice for John A Judd merchant which I had some hesitation about doing - Judge Lyman came in to my office also this afternoon with Fowle, & took out a due bill of $20.00 that I gave him for rent saying "Mr Huntington there is your little due bill. If it is convenient to pay it I should like it, other people are dunning me, Deac Phelps says I must pay my taxes or he will have an officer after me tomorrow" Now has not the old judge lived too long to suppose he can palm off such talk upon a man in his senses, or that it all palliates the high handed offence of dunning. I paid him in sulky silence and upon looking at the vile scrap of paper saw that it did not bear interest. There is the secret of the Judge's uneasiness. Put off his taxes to the last day to save interest & dun a gentleman that he asks to dine with him, for twenty dollars, on the pretence that he was plagued to make out his payments. A small thing in the old gentleman, he would not have done it, I trust, if he had not been afflicted with a bad cold. His voice sounded unnatural, & hypocondriacal. If I am troubled with a single unsolicited sneeze or with nasal secretions in the course of a day or two I shall send in a bill against the Bank almost large enough to ~~replace~~ fill the aching void created in my purse by the Judge's ill advised exactions. I humbly hope that colds will not become general, if they do I am a ruined man. Paid a bill at Temple's for Mrs M & gave her the balance of the money sent & receipt. Did the like Saturday with her post office bill. Had a call from Forbes this evening. who wanted to know when the meadow land of the estate is to be sold, & had some talk about Tom Shepherd's fee bill report. He tells me in *confidence*, that Brother Dewey is a d—d calf, which by the way is no secret to the world. Dewey took $10.00 of Judd for settling a writ & then said in a goldsmith's shop when reminded of it to his (Judd's) nephew in the presence of a *workey*, that he never charged more than 5 dollars in such a case. Dewey says, "it must have been done by my Clerk. *Tell your uncle that if he will call at our office I will refund all over 5.00*." The writ was settled three or four months since. Quare, whether Brother D's clerks pay over? or whether his memory is treacherous? Some say that brother D, has strong suspicions that the good people of this County would some time or other have compassed his election to the Senate, had it not been for the nefarious schemes of the workies - He is frightened into a long beard & haggard look by their machinations. There is even danger of his dying of workeyism. for he is now sick of it, even unto death -

Tuesday. Jan 4th - To day have done nothing in the way of business except to file a petition & procure a decree of the Judge of Probate for an extension of time for rendering a final account of administration, some of the creditors thinking the estate will sell better in the Spring. Borrowed of Sam Lyman Cooper's Justinian & commenced reading it. In the time of Romulus there was a law permitting a man to divorce his wife for intoxication. The custom of "saluting the bride" arose from a rule ~~custom~~ among the Roman guests at a wedding, each to kiss the bride for the purpose of ascertaining whether her breath exhaled ardent sweets. Had a short call from Chauncey Clark Chairman of the Committee on Imprisonment for debt among the Workies, whom as one of the Committee I furnished with a report. He is evidently pleased with Tom's Report upon the Bar rules. He once scaled Parson Williams pulpit to oust him of his spiritual jurisdiction, & now that he has somewhat recovered his reason he wishes to dethrone the lawyers. This has not the apology of insanity to excuse it. But I forbear, he is not a man so mean & little that he must be impaled upon a needle & looked at through a magnifying glass, in order to be noticed at all. He is a man of excellent mind, ~~&~~ of much native ~~excellence~~ eloquence & of considerable cultivation, but out of office at present, perhaps a disappointed candidate, obliged to get his living by the sweat of his brow, & married into the Starkweather family. This accounts for his excessive radicalism. He is honest & has some good schemes of reform in his head. But the lawyers let him remember are the main props of ~~to~~ the venerable & crazy old edifice of the common law. If he knocks them away before he has thoroughly repaired the building he may be buried in its ruins. Had also a call from Irving this evening, discussed with him divers subjects relating to theological & our clerical affairs, the doctrine of preexistence, plenary inspiration, miraculous conception as connected with humanitarianism, the probability of getting a minister, Cunninghams tenets (of rather a doubtful character), shutting up the meeting house this winter, & or having reading, in other words having no meetings at all or playing meeting. Peere understands divinity better than half the clergy in the County, has ~~fine~~ great literary taste & information, sports gold spectacles, & has a good deal of humor. He probably ~~sharpens~~ straps his wits upon his Uncle's celebrated hone. Hark! what clarion sounds are those I hear? How they swell & die away upon the midnight air! Heavens! 'Tis Helen's nose. It calls to arms. I come. I come.

Wednesday Jan 5th. No business to day. Father called this forenoon & left a Catalogue from John, a new years present from Bethia for Helen, returned two or three Lyceum pamphlets, & a line from Edward requesting to know the names of the best papers in the U. S. their terms, the periodical magazines of the country, & what ladies periodicals there were &c &c. His object is to be stated when we next week. I answered him in a sheet of fools cap filled with the desired intelligence ~~fo~~ for himself & pills for Mother. He probably will think upon opening the letter that I supposed him crazed & sent him medicine, ~~pebble~~ pebble stones instead of bread. No Ned, not so bad as that, though from your questions one would suppose that your mental appetite was of the ostrich kind. Father tells me that Whiting has gone to Leominster to keep school for 10 weeks at $20 per month - 80 scholars in the centre of the Town will sometimes make him~~self~~ wish himself at Cambridge again. Wrote to John B Davis telling him I should probably have some money collected for the State Bank in a few days subject to his order. This evening attended the Working men's meeting & heard my report on imprisonment for debt read by Chauncey Clark, Chairman of the Committee. It was very well read & ordered to be printed in the ~~A~~ papers of the County. Its sentiments were approved by Brothers Forbes & Dewey, which makes me think that Brother D. is not such "a ll—d calf" as ~~he~~ Forbes represents him to be, & that he is somewhat wiser than the Waltham calf in the proverb. The Chairman of the meeting advised ~~at~~ the beginning of the Meeting that a pro-temporary secretary should be chosen. The same man at a former meeting mistook the stamping plaudits bestowed upon one who addressed the meeting, for a deliberate insult to the Chair, & called the meeting to order. "I insist upon it, said he, that the chair shall be respected" – Capt Parsons certainly was not born a Moderator, any more than a Captain. Mr White alias "old Cicero" delivered an address upon education, the dead languages, arithmetic, & bob a lincolns, – the dead languages I said; he spared not the living. He condemned all modern languages but his own & that he wantonly murdered. We workies I fear have undertaken to carry a burden that we shall let fall upon our toes. But I must stop, for Helen is again winding her horn.

Friday Jany 7th Omitted one day because I
strained myself so hard in defending one Samuel
Brown against the charge of larceny upon the
body of a yearling calf, that great fatigue was
thereupon superinduced; & because I have no
idea of considering myself obliged to sit down
every night nolens ~~and~~ volens and measure off a
certain quantity of
~~so much~~ nonsense. That would be making a task
of my amusements, labor of relaxation. Dont
recollect of doing any other business yesterday
except the above named for which I shall probably
receive never a cent. It has been so long since
I have undertaken to manage a case before a
Justice or a Court of any kind, that ideas & words
were rather more difficult to be caught, & thrown
full of life & floundering before the Court, than they
were wont to be in Adams. Not that the things
were not tame enough in conscience to be scised
in any way, but because I was too clumsy to
secure them. To day I have settled with C. Clarke
& brought him in debt $12,08 in a running a/c
of 40 or 50 dollars. Tis peculiarly soothing &
unctuous to the soul to perceive upon settlement,
that a person whom you supposed your creditor
is your debtor. It places the supposed creditor
in a much more delightful point of observation.
Indeed it changes the whole aspect of the

man as the balance of debt and credit changes. His rigid, griping features relax, the fire of his eye is lost in interesting pensiveness, the seeming abruptness of his manner is exchanged for extreme delicacy of deportment, what before was ~~beautiful~~ awful has now become beautiful, & he leaves you proud of your own skill at humanising, & almost persuaded in your ~~own~~ mind that it is your duty to become a missionary & try your powers at conversion on a larger & more religious scale. Made 2 justice writs to day & signed a petition for Partridge to be appointed Coroner. The weather has been so dull & rainy for the last fortnight & a great flood has brought the waters of the Connecticut so near many men's doors, that probably the present opportunity ~~of~~ for a watery quietus will not be permitted to pass unimproved, & more than 2 Coroners will be wanted, in other words that more will commit suicide than 2 can sit upon. Had a call from Peirce this afternoon, & spent the greater part of it talking & walking. What is very strange & uncommon ~~not~~ between us scarcely a word was said upon clerical affairs or upon theological subjects. Cooper, the Sedgwicks, Champollion, somnambulism & the last No. of the N. American were the principal topics —

Cooper is said to be excessively vain & egotistical in society, wanting in gentlemanly manners & refinement, at times very agreeable. He made himself so exceedingly interesting to a lady at a party in N. York where he was a self-invited guest, ~~that~~ by telling her who it was & was not proper for her to dance with, that the lady of the house hinted to him that it would be pardonable in him to retire if he did not choose to be kicked out. He quarrelled with his landlady in Paris because she inserted in her bill a charge for new & elegant furniture scratched & damaged by his children. He also abused the French till they gave him the freedom of the city & noticed him in sundry other particulars. The surest way to quiet a growling cur is to throw him a bone, & Cooper can swallow any thing that will ~~feed~~ nourish his vanity. He is besides this rather eccentric, abusing his wife, & indulging in other amusing oddities. But I will stop here, feeling an incipient cold, & the *Miller* which has been fluttering in the blaze of ~~the~~ our culinary luminary having made his escape unsinged. I shall ring no more changes upon Helen's nose whatever she may choose to do. For her peculiar skill in the use of the instrument - let her ~~[illegible]~~ be rewarded ~~[illegible]~~ with what hides her from view, & adorns the brows of other victors - green baize -

Saturday Jany 8th - The anniversary of the old President's fight at New Orleans, whose achivements on that glorious day I helped to commemmorate 2 years since at Adams by an oration. So unpatriotic have I now grown that I should have forgotten the day had I not happened to have seen it alluded to in that notable paper the Statesman. Have done no professional business to day. Read some in the Institutes some in the newspapers, some in Junius & some in debates of Mass last Convention, besides glancing at the N. American. What an olla podrida for a legal student. Looked at Butler's rooms to see how they would do for an office. If it had not been for Judge Lyman's peculiar confidence in me by making me the depositary of the fact that Deac Phelps had threatened him with an execution or distress if he did not pay his taxes, I think I might become Butler's tenant instead of his. But I wish to avoid the imputation of ingratitude, & therefore shall not leave unless I can make good terms with Butler. Saw Lewis Strong at the Book store & told him that in making his monthly distribution of tracts I would thank him to leave me a more modern one than the last. as I had read that when I was not more than ten years old, that I liked novelty in that line & that where the fish did not bite well, it was necessary for him to throw out a very delicate bait. He laughed it off by asking how poor debtors got along now - A very good man, this son of a governor is. Some people ask how he would fill his fathers place in the state's great chair. I don't believe it is easy enough for him. Judge Marshall by the papers has issued a writ of error against the State of Georgia to reverse a judgment of her Supreme Court by which a Cherokee was sentenced to death for murder committed within his assumed territory & within the limits of Georgia. The legislature resolved not to regard it & authorised the Gov to use force if necessary in carrying the sentence into execution. This seems to put the U S. & Georgia fairly at issue & before the U.S. Court can pass upon the errors assigned, the poor Indian will probably be hung. If the U.S. court are not intimidated, or unless they decide decide that in *nullo est erratum* without the defts' appearing, force & fight must be the consequence, as it seems. Though how the force of the U. S. is to brought to bear upon the Georgians or how our national executive is to be brought into action in the present state of the case I know not. How is the appearance of Georgia to be compelled, or how punished for non appearance if she chooses to stand aloof?

Monday Jany 10th

There certainly was never a man who had more leisure to record his business in than myself or more business to record his leisure. Nothing that bears the least affinity to it except presenting a draft $100,00 on Boston to the Hampshire Bank ~~& paying~~ for Mrs Mills & paying over to her the amount. Mary Blake's affair turns out be a lucrative one on the whole for her. Yesterday was a stormy Sunday & doubly terrific in Church by the howling of Tom W., Whitmarsh & myself. Created a calm by staying at home in the afternoon. A thing altogether unprecedented in my annals. Finished the Gospel of John. He seems to have written particularly to supply the omissions of the other historians as to the declarations of Christ concerning his own character, & to give his own views of it. From reading his Gospel I should infer that our Saviour was an emanation from the Divine mind, that he had no separate existence before he came into the world, but existed in the Father and was a part of his eſsence from eternity. That he did literally proceed from the Father, & that his appearance on earth was the divine mind in a human body, a bright ray of the all pervading spirit invested with humanity. That this in-dwelling soul was influenced & subject to the impulses of man, that human nerves communicated with it, & human senses affected it, & yet without sin. It remains to be examined hereafter how this hypothesis for it can be called nothing more tallies with other parts of the new testament & with the prophecies.

In the evening Mary Blake sung. The powers of the human voice in melody are to me among the strongest unscriptural proofs of the immortality of the soul. Fine vocal music seems to borrow nothing from earth, & to raise you above it & its paſsions! Had an account from Peere M. Esq to day of Barnard ~~Whitter~~ Whitman's letter of 100 pages in reply to Stuart who came out last Summer with an attack upon Channing. From all accounts he has diligently & with a perseverance worthy of a better cause collected & published all the dirty tricks of which the opposite party have been guilty of for the last ten years.

Father's persecutions among the rest. What good comes of these everlasting religious controversies? Are they calculated to make the Clergy more respected in the eyes of the people. The remarks of the "Spirit of the Pilgrims" upon this pamphlet are sheer Billingsgate. & if I had not known it was a religious (Heaven save the mark) publication I should have thought I was reading the last "Journal" or "Telegraph". Sam F Lyman was in my office this evening lauding Whitman & his labors. A real bull-dog fight, the bystanders take sides & clapp their hands, as one or the other gets griped by the neck & rolled in the dirt.

Wednesday Evening - omitted to write last evening because the atmosphere of the room was zero & my spirits below that point. No new business these 2 days. Plodding over Justinians Institutes & Debates of the last Mass Convention, ~~two~~ both stupid reading enough to convert thought into dreams, & attention into reverie & to turn study, brown. The utility of dosing over books if they are very dull, has been too often tested to be at this late period, questioned. It certainly must be more invigorating to the mind to let it disport itself on the beautiful play ground of imagination, than to cramp it down over a block of inert legal nonsense. Had a call from Brother Dewey yesterday ~~for~~ about the Working men's bar rules from which I infer that he has had a ~~conversation~~ talk with Oliver Warner whose senatorial patrimony he did not attempt to pilfer last Spring with the expectation that he would give it to him next Spring, & that the humble publican & Senator advises him to keep quiet & not to stir up the Working men against him at the next elections by inflammatory attacks upon the doings of one their Committee. He said more however this evening at their meeting than he intended, ~~at~~ but exceedingly conciliatory & rather disposed to yield to them their great point, to wit the expense of settling suits before Court. Forbes made a long & very able defence of the bar rules & the bar, giving Tom Shepherd some desperate thrusts under the fifth rib. Tom though considered ~~as~~ invulnerable as a Loon fluttered as though he was wounded a little. Chauncey Clark reproved Forbes very handsomely for his personalities, & escaped with fewer coughs than the Lawyers. To tell the truth, the audience gave tokens of severe irritations at the lungs before Forbes finished. The report was recommitted to the same Committee with the addition of two. Bancroft had some resolutions upon the Militia Laws which fortunately I was not in season to hear read. Bancky's prejudice & ill will towards lawyers is inexcusable for he sins against his better knowledge. However he dared not open his mouth in the discussion, he deals in secret sly insinuations, ~~coat~~-button hole arguments behind doors & old barrels.

Thursday Evening Jan. 13th Finished Cooper's Justinian & read Henry Ware's New years sermon to my wife. Two agreeable tasks accomplished. Had a call this forenoon from Peere & Sam, visit at dinner from Bethia & Father, got a 1/2 barrel of Buck Wheat, a tub of Mackerell &^{lt} 5 3/4 of butter from C. Clarke, & chewed as much tobacco as usual.

Monday Jany 17th Little has occurred since Thursday last to interrupt the even tenor of my way except a violent N.E. snow storm — I speak of my way to the office. Huge drifts lie about as if there were a drove of recumbent leviathans buried beneath the fleecy dispensation. On Friday last I had a glorious skate for the first time this Winter with the 2 Irvings, Eustis & Drake, but no business. Saturday Ditto as to business. Commenced the "Skimmer of the Seas" Friday afternoon & finished Saturday forenoon. This is one of Cooper's most interesting & faulty novels. As to the plot, it mainly consists in playing off a female for a man smuggler, a creature that has not a single feminine characteristic till the Novelist by his will & pleasure sees fit to call it a woman. A most stale deception to practise upon an intelligent community. The fellow's insolence exceeds his talent. Then the incidents _ nothing but a chain of absurdities from ~~beg~~ first to last, glaring improprieties & manifest impossibilities throughout. The character of the Dutch Alderman is a failure. If it was not for his christening, you would suppose him a yankeefied, bartering, smuggling, miserly huxter of a Jew. The Patroon of Kinderhook is a very unwelcome personage, never uttering a decent sentiment or illustrating one striking trait of character. He has not even the negative quality of a foil. As to the French servant, say the same, and as to the Negroes, Cooper has greater predilection for such society than most of his readers. His only merit in serving them up is that he succeeds in talking worse _talky_ &, uttering less humor than the originals would. Yet notwithstanding all this, his descriptions of the chase, sea-fight, & sea-fire, in the latter of the 2d volume, are more graphic vivid & exciting than any thing of the kind ever before produced on this side the Water. Eudora's resolution at the close is the best thing that Cooper in his dislike to the sex, ever permitted a woman to do. Saturday night I supplied myself with a fresh cut of tobacco & three or four segars to bring home for Sunday, having formed a serious resolution to discontinue the use of the one for a while at least, & not to indulge much in the other. Thus should every man do who intends to abandon a bad habit, keep the means of gratifying the reprobated practice about you; if you do not, to your other uneasy thoughts will be added the tormenting one that you are cut-off & entirely deprived of your customary indulgence The mere idea that you have not tobacco within reach will create an irresistible desire to chew or smoke. Just as the thought of confinement to the prisoner makes him perfectly miserable, when if he had his liberty he might not be disposed to use it for the next 24 hours. Have not chewed these 3 days. & to day smoked only a fourth of a long nine. yesterday Dr Bancroft preached to ears so few in number, that cutting them all off would not have afforded more than a moments diversion to the Grand Mufti of Constantinople. The Dr probably consoled himself with the old proverd that "walls have ears" be they never so bare. Read yesterday through Romans & into Corinthians. The Humanitarian's strong hold is in the first Chapters of Acts & Romans. I should suppose. To day enquired for an opportunity for Mary B & Sally to get to Boston if haply I might find one - No success - Had a short call from Counsellor Forbes - Paid Chas Lyman George Blake's bill, took a hat of Dikeman & Shepherd on a bad debt, & drank with Eben Hunt a glass of wine to Vinton & his reputed purchase of Warner's stand, at the special instance & request of said V.

Tuesday Jany 18th Colder than Mars, the mail due last night did not arrive till this evening on account of twenty inches of snow reported to have been unexpectedly deposited in & around Boston. Here if you could find a level there would turn out to be probably ten inches. Yesterday morning not a passenger left in any one of the four stages, East West South & North. Some lover must have complimented his mistress by not exposing his ardor to the cooling influence of a snow drift - This morning gave Sam Lyman a call but picked up no interesting particular of private history that I now recollect. Borrowed of him & commenced reading Campbell's Philosophy of Rhetoric a writer whose praise is in all the schools. Peculiarly interesting to me because Washington Adams deceased son of the Johnny Q. once spoke in very high terms of it. Passed most of the day and evening in musing over this book, by far less effective in fixing my attention than a volume of reports. Indeed I know nothing more delightful in the way of study than reported cases - Campbell labors for deep thought & fine expression too much to captivate. He has not the ars celare artem, so necessary in writers & speakers - Commenced a justice action for C. Clarke to day. O Capt. Kit - how often should I fall into despair & cut my throat, were it not for your merciful kindnesses so often shown towards your unlucky delinquent debtors. Praised be the vinegar that curdles the milk of your humanities. Rang the bell this evening upon my entering the parlor & called for Shelton. He rushed in, confident & rapid in his step, as much as to say I'm not afeard & shutting the door stood breathing out his courage in audible respirations. I had secreted in a chair out of sight a large black. not cat, but ~~cloak~~ coat which I told him he might have, if it fitted him. He ~~was~~ is very broad in the shoulders & chest, but I was happy to see him shrink into the coat, as if he was endued with the accommodating principle of a conscious rogue caught in the act, or a thief taken in the manour. He is very pious, & following his great Master - Paul, at a humble distance, can make~~s~~ himself all things to all coats, if haply he can gain one or two - He was grateful too as a Christian, In order to evince his gratitude he fell into sundry inquiries respecting some wood I had bought, as who I bought it of, how much I was to have &c &c, His exorbitant interest I could have never demanded of him, being perfectly content with the principal of the debt in shape of a thank you - What do poor folks do that haint got any old coats to give away?

Saturday Jany. 22d - Wednesday last took a deposition of Levi Holden for which I received a dollar & (mistake, twas Tuesday) (made a writ for C. Clarke). Friday copied the form of a deposition for one Amadon of Bennington & to day made a writ for Joseph Holden, which makes up the sum total of business for the week. Wednesday Evening the working men held another meeting. Having occasion to be in Warner's bar room just before the meeting commenced I saw dreadful note of preparation made by the Chairman of the Committee Theo. Sheldon who was to report that evening on reducing salaries, by his stalking in & calling for a glass of something to drink. I also left Solomon Warner fortifying his stomach as I supposed for some great effort. Soon the meeting was called to order, & Sheldon was called upon to report, when Lo! Sol Warner aforesaid him full of whiskey & lust for office gets up pulls from his hat a written speech puts on his old steel spectacles & begins to read an absurd commentary on the discussion of last meeting between Lorin Shepherd & Forbes. The Chairman stared, Sheldon, looked as if he thought Warner was grasping at his laurels, the Simples pricked up their ears, while the more knowing ones laughed in their sleeves. Warner read on without the least perturbation. "Mr Chairman". "At a meeting of the Working men of Northampton last week for discussing the bar rules the gentlemen of the bar had every opportunity & took up most all the evenings in trying to defend the bar rules. But Mr Chairman they did not touch the report of the Committee of Working men, but resorted to parsonal abuse & sophistry to defend their bar rules. But Mr Chairman the working men of Northampton know how to discarn sophistry from argument. & are sorry to see one of their Committee abused as he has been at our last meetin - Mr Chairman. the lawyers when they have a bad cause, they always resort to sophistry instead of argument. Twas so in ancient times, Mr Chairman, & when our Saviour was upon ~~earth~~ arth". - "Wo unto you ye lawyers". Dametrus the silver smith was also lugged in head & shoulders to be topped off with. Great is Diana of the Ephesians" — Then Sheldon read his report —

In discussing the report upon the bar rules after Sheldon's report. the deuce was to pay. Chauncey Clark opposed adopting the report as it contained many things too abusive & that he could not adopt. Tom bristled at this & said the yeomanry were timid. he was sorry to say it. but the fact was so, they were afraid to go forward." I believe after all. Mr Chairman says he. that we shall have to depend upon the lawyers for reforms & give them our votes for offices—" This cut Clark his eyes flashed fire at the intimation that he was looking out for office. "I despise the man" says he. to me after the meeting, adding after a long pause". in politics"— What is the funniest of the whole affair is, Tom swears that the report before it was read to the meeting or printed, was in the hands of Chauncey & approved by him after some things had been stricken out at his suggestion. If this is true Chauncey ought not publickly to have disowned his adopted child because the lawyers laughed at the deformed bantling – Set up Wednesday night for Mary Blake & Sally to take the stage to Boston & so again last evening for Mrs Niles. The former evening was raw, gusty, & squally within doors. Divers hard feelings having arisen on account of a cloak, wife's being left alone & no secrets

at it on the part of the departing, I thought
it best to bring matters to a crisis by throwing out
a suggestion which wd set Sally on & fire. I did it
& was amply rewarded for it afterwards by a kiss
&c on taking leave. It was a good stroke of policy
in me on every account. After the bursting of the
storm & divers discharges of thunder from different
points of the compass, all was calm & pleasant —
Thursday had a long call from Irving. I having
driven him into an argument by asserting that
the Christian religion was nothing without
intelligence in the people, or that Christianity
without education did people no good. However
I told him afterwards 'twas for the sake of getting
the arguments on his side with little trouble to
~~him~~myself. Peere is very firm in his belief, I think
he wd make us a good clergyman, take him as he is.
Another assertion I made seemed to him rather
paradoxical. That a sincere believer in any set of
religious opinions was necessarily & de facto. illiberal
& bigotted. He admitted it however with some restrictions
& explanations. Had another call from him
yesterday. To day Hamlin of W. Stockbridge called &
took his trunk &c pledged by rects. settled with him
& paid him 1,23 the balance in my hands belonging
to him — Campbell is more & more philosophical
interesting & instructive —

Monday Jany 24th. Yesterday was a very cold & uncomfortable day for church going people. The Unitarians have such imperturbable confidence in the warmth of their religion that they suffered the supply of wood for the stoves to become exhausted & found to their great sorrow that Unitarian preaching from old Dr Bancroft was a poor defence against cold below Zero - Had a call yesterday evening from Mr Irving, the first time he has called here without a special invitation unless in the day time with his ladies. His wife has not been out for three Sundays. Looks suspicious. Fear that Peere has been *perpetrating a pleonasm* upon ~~with~~ her in some ardent moment, without reflecting upon the evils of corporeal redundancies. A child now & then by way of *parenthesis* in matrimonial history will do, but the rules of composition forbid that they should be frequently inserted. Connecticut clergymen in their metaphysical & physiological researches are too often guilty of violating this fundamental rule. Mother was extremely tautological in her expressions of regard for father, for a long time presenting him a child almost every year - Peere says that the Unitarian society are going to try to *read themselves* *out of debt* by *lay* preaching. Tis well that they are determined to rid themselves of debt. To day, no business — Finished reading Campbell's Phil. of Rhet. Campbell says that the Grecian & Roman languages had the advantage of the modern in brevity of expression. and attempts to illustrate it by some Latin mottos which he says though excellent in the original cannot be translated without losing their spirit & force. An assemblage of the fair- in which the lover does not find his mistress, is represented by the device of a firmament of stars without the moon & this motto. "Non mille quod absens". To show the superiority of the Latin in such matters he compares it with the following translation. "A thousand cannot equal one that is absent". He does not do our language justice. I can give a better version,

Thousands are none,
Without the one.

So a rock resisting the breaking of the ocean, to represent a hero struggling against adversity, with this motto. "Conantia frangere frangit", is thus translated by Campbell. "I break the things which attempt to break me". Better thus. "Try or In breaking me, you're broken". The ass eating thistles, to represent parasites submitting to the abuse of their superiours, with the motto, Pungant dum saturent is translated, "Let them sting me provided they fill my belly". Thus is better. "Sting me, but stuff me too" - or "While they sting, they stuff me", or "Sting & be d—d, ~~but~~ only fill me". or "Stinging is bad, but starving is worse". or "Prick my mouth, but fill my belly" &c &c.

~~Bad Punctuation~~

Mistake in Punctuation. Abel Kingsley of Amherst yesterday undertook to put a period to his life by hanging himself in his garret, but unfortunately the rope broke with the weight of his ~~[illegible]~~ body, so that he was obliged to content himself with ~~after~~ a short pause only—

Tuesday Evening. Feb 1st Rather lazy for the last week in recording matters. However it is all summoned up in a few short sentences - To day made a writ - yesterday received a letter from Hon. Wm Sullivan acknowledging rec't of my M.S. per C. Clark. Sunday heard Irving read service & read myself up to Revelations. Saturday - don't recollect much about it - Friday Ditto - Thursday sent $290,00 collected for State Bank of Luther Chapin, to John B. Davis their Solicitor, per Christopher Clarke - Wednesday. workies meeting in evening when Bancroft kissed them & swore that he would live among them & die in their arms. Tuesday, don't recollect - Have not read much Law the last week, yesterday began Fell on Guaranty. Leaving off tobacco unsettles the mind & stomach, so that neither performs ~~their~~ its respective duties faithfully.

Mem. Ogden Irving the other night speaking of the Scotch gardener in N. York (Thorbon or some such name) who is very short & has monstrous long feet, said that he grew downwards & out at the toes, instead of up. Good—

The pig-and-colt-confiding deacon—

1st

1st Old Deacon Gray of Richmond Town
Of hogs possessed full store
As well of high as low renown
Of weight some each twenty score

2

But still not blessed with little swine
It grieved his heart quite sore
To think how lonely he must pine
When hogs should be no more.

3

" This is so mild & heavenly
" ~~Now quoth~~ the Deacon, one fair morn
" I'll ~~ride to~~ visit brother Griggs
" And since he's had some lately born
" I'll buy some two of his pigs.

4

colt
4 " I have a beast that should be trained
" At least to bit and back.
" My good right arm worse beasts has reined,
Sure I can the
" And sure I'll curb this hack -

5

Now colts beneath a plain outside
Sometimes have store of mettle
The deacon's colt had ne'er been tried,
the
He had not felt a nettle.

6

Behold the deacon's proud parade
~~La~~ Mounting his colt & spectacles,
Brooding upon his fated trade
~~#~~ And o'er the pigs' receptacles.-)

7th

Arrived at brother Grigg's place
His "dicker" was begun
Old Gray began his dicker
solemn
And with the aid of "lengthy" face
soon
He closed a bargain - "slicker"

8th

then
And now were brought the saddle-bags
And opened for their guests
rags
The pigs were packed away like ~~eggs~~
Close cuddled in their nests -

9th

And now all mounted, as they ride, home
on the [illegible]
Behold them mounted for a ride."
Two swine & deacon Gray

No sooner said than done. The nag
Was caught & then bestrode,
By Deacon Gray & saddle bags
And put upon the road.

And spectacles, and bags, astride —
The deel would have a pay -

10th

Whether the pony felt his oats —
Or pigs in the portmanteau,
Without respect for man or shoats
He took a frightful canter -

11th

With nostrils wide & high up-brought
"Into the murky air",
The beast did run as if he thought
To run away from care -

12th

Wide swung the deacon's nether limbs
As if he stretched for fame,
His hands by one of nature's whims
Had grown unto the mane -

13th

His breath was short, he felt a load
Upon his lungs & bowels
For ne'er before had horse been rode
With nursing pigs for rowels —

14

Whoa, whoa, the dying deacon cried
With no command of bit,
With demon shrieks the pigs replied,
Like those in Holy Writ— —

15

At length the pony lurched, & cast
The deacon on the turf,
~~Like~~ as sea-weed when the storm is past
Thrown up by angry surf –

16th

~~No paused~~ The pony paused not, nor the pigs
With-in their leathern sties,
His sides still feel their savage thundering jigs
Their cries still rend the skies –

17th

Old deacon Grey while low he lay
Had heard their swift departure
And having found himself was sound
Began to follow after –

18th

In distance cries & kicks every sound had died
In grief he onward trode,
When looking perchance up he spied
A traveller on the road —

19th

And now they meet. "Dear Sir. Ive been
"Too pig-and-colt-confiding,
" I pray you, tell me, have you seen
" Some swine a horseback riding".

20th

" Good Sir". replied he with a stare

" I fear you mean to quiz
" Of tricks on travellers beware
" ~~They~~ you shame that lengthened pious phiz –

21th

The girt had broke, ~~[illegible]~~, the swine were found
Beside the road in trouble
~~Lamenting o'er~~ Their wrongs Lamenting on the ground,
Brim full of "squeak & bubble"

22

Thenceforth whene'er the deacon read
Of Nimrod first of hunters
He thought how he himself had sped
In company with grunters –

23

He sold the ~~youth~~ colt that brought his age
With sorrow to the ground,
While better beast to run in stage
Has never yet been found –

24th

But even now a swinish shriek
Portends the horse some evil.
He recollects his former freak
And runs like the wild devil –

Instead of 1st ~~three~~ two verses take the
following

Old Richard Gray of Richardstown,
A man of thrift & space,
Had grown by grace, gear, & renown,
To A deacon in the place.
2 [His breed of cattle far were famed
From yearling to the sire,
Which to the Governor when named
Made him a yearling 'Squire -
3 But free from sorrow none are born:
One day ~~[illegible]~~ when at his sty.
~~And~~ While throwing out his hogs their corn,
He threw out a deep sigh.
4 "Oh, that I had some little swine"!
" These porkers soon must die,
" And ~~barrelled up~~ Clarence like must swim in brine";—
Then swam in brine his eye.

5th or 3d The above in December, published in Transcript January 4th 1832. A review of the past year. The most interesting domestic occurrence is the birth of a daughter July 7. 1831. Thursday 1/2 past 8 in the evening after about 36 hours hard labor – The first noise the critter made was a sort of quackle like that of a duck. Baptized Nov 13th. 1831. by Oliver Stearnes the first Sunday after his ordination & the first child he baptized. Many young men & maidens amused at her cries –

At three months old her knowledge extended to her fingers ends. We moved into the Ashmun house 1st September. Just able to bring the year about, & perhaps should be troubled if I was called upon to pay all that I owe. Hope something from the canal to preserve us from debt & starvation. This last Summer was closed by a reluctant engagement made between Sally & Ben Peirce a candidate for a mathematical profeſsorship at Cambridge.

January 9th In looking back I find that I commenced reading Fell on Guarantee at a certain time. Now such a lasting impreſsion has this book made upon me that I have totally forgotten ever having read it, & should have said upon being asked that I had not. My reading must be exceedingly fructifying. Read since last February with more profit I hope Paley on Agency. 6 or 7 volumes of Maſsachusetts Reports over again, 12 volumes Common Law Reports. Reviewed Chitty's Pleadings. Phillips on Evidence & Chitty on Bills, Jurist also as I could pick up the numbers. Leland's Demosthenes. Sydney on Government. Cicero de legibus & de oratore, de officiis & Paradoxes, in the Original as subsidiary to the Law. Other reading as far as I can recollect. Flint's valley of the Miſsiſsippi. Sparks's life of Ledyard. & a cursory look at the Continuation of Hume

6 volumes Octavo. For religious reading Paley Evidences & Horæ Paulinæ if not beyong the year. Worcester on the Atonement. Paley's Corruptions of Christianity & 2 volumes on the Evidences, Locke on the Reasonableness of Christianity a most profound work & some other more fugitive ~~works~~ things. I have the satisfaction of reflecting that I have read few novels. 3 volumes of Massinger's Plays approach the nearest to this sort of reading. Now reading Campbell's Reports. Blackstone, & Locke on Civil Government, for Law. Biography of the Signers &c & Bozzy for Amusement. Two or three afternoons lately have taken up Ovid, hoping by translating from other languages to get a better command of our own. From the first of December to yesterday one of the most ~~sef~~ severe spells of weather within the memory of man. Last night a rain & to day the snow quite soft. The sleighing for the above length of time has been excellent. Parish meeting in the 1st Society to day about Mr Spencer's call to Brooklyn. Voted to appoint a Committee to hire preaching when Mr S. requested. This will not keep him probably. Heard Saturday night of Fred. Hill's failure. He has been attempting to make a great dash in B

Quem si non tenuit, magnis tamen excidit ausis.

Tuesday Jany 10th. Read last evening after I went home Locke & Bozzy till 12 o Clock. This forenoon 40 or 50 Pages Camp R. Interrupted by C. Clarke to make a writ. The second since Thanksgiving. Whew! What are wife & Tot & I coming to. Irving also here a while. This afternoon Ovid. conclusion of Phaeton's fate — how the daughters of the Sun were changed into trees & their tears for him into amber. how the crow by babbling to Phoebus about the stolen pleasures of his mistress was changed from ~~the~~ white to black & how the jay lost precedence & was ranked below the owl for the same fault. & how she became a jay from a nymph beset by the River God. & how Ocyroe for giving too much vent to prophetic fury was changed into a mare. This evening Blackstone & a dun upon Tom Shepherd for Clarke. Paid Mrs Mill's bill to Peirce & got him rather mad —

Thursday. Yesterday went to see Dr Dickinson cut for stone in the b—r upon a dead subject. One of the most horrible operations ever performed upon man dead or alive. I have seen a man's skull sawed open & his brains examined his chest severed & his lungs taken out. his bowels ripped up & his stomach ~~taken~~ extracted washed & rinsed, & his blad—r treated in

a like manner, in a post mortem examination, with the greatest composure, but in this case I was obliged to retreat the moment the operation was finished. I attribute my faintness to the bystanders constantly talking about Judge Marshall who has lately had the same operation successfully performed upon himself. After shaking off my fainting fit I felt the head ache which did not leave me till in the night & then only after a severe turn of cascading. Obliged to go to bed at 6 so of course not much done till to-day. ~~[illegible]~~ Ovid afternoons as usual, & S Lyman this evening. Borrowed Hale's C. Law of L. Strong & Biography of Siggers of Whitmarsh seven volumes. Found this afternoon that I had forgotten a decision of our Court with respect to the time & place of discharging a contract payable in ~~for~~ specifick articles which I ought to have remembered. O my treacherous memory.
Finished Locke on government Wednesday night.

Friday. Minerva's visit to Envy 2 Book of Ovid.
"Forthwith she repaired to the abode of Envy foul with black gore. Her dwelling was in the lowest depths of the caverns, deep & sunless, accessible to no winds, gloomy, & filled with listless cold, always without fire & abounding with smoky darkness. When the

Goddess terrible in war arrived here. she stopped, ~~at~~ for she thought it unlawful to enter beneath ~~her~~ the roof, & with the point of her spear ~~knocked at~~ beat the gates of the cavern~~s~~. They flew open at the blows. Within she beheld Envy devouring the raw flesh of vipers the aliment of her vices & at the sight she turned away her eyes. But Envy slowly & heavily rises from the damp earth, leaving the bodies of the half eaten serpents & approaches with hobbling steps. When she saw the Goddess ~~comely in~~ beautiful in form & beautiful in armour she groaned & sighed at the sight. Paleness came over her face, ~~emaciated~~ haggard was her whole appearance. She never looks you in the face ~~looked~~ ~~fixed~~ ~~permitted her eye to rest upon you~~. Her teeth ~~were~~ are black with foul rust & canker, her breast ~~was~~ is green with gall & her tongue ~~was~~ is thick with poison. She never smil~~ed~~es except at others' ~~calamities~~ griefs. She never sleeps being constantly harassed with corroding cares. She beholds the successes of men with regret & pines at the sight. She quarrels
She quarrels with herself & every thing else.
& is quarrelled with at the same time, & is continually her own torment"

Sir Matthew Hale in his history of the Common Law says that the origin of the Common Law is undiscoverable. The truth is that the Common Law; became so alarmed at the changes wrought upon her by the blazing light of civilization that she took to flight & hid her head in remote antiquity like the Nile when shrunk withered by the fire of Phætons burning chariot.

Nilus in extremum fugit perterritus orbem
Occuluitque caput: quod adhuc latet —

Monday Jan'y 16th Saturday. Camp R. 50 Pages in the forenoon & fined George Peirce Tinner $1.00 for asst & battery. Afternoon Ovid. Evening. Read memoir of Priestly, by himself till 1792 or 3, when he came to this country & continued by his son to 1803 when he died at Northumberland, Pennia. An opposer of John Adam's administration & cautioned by said John during his presidency not to dabble in politics. Yesterday bible, Scriptural Interpreter & Goguet on the origin of Laws. Science & the Arts. Evening called upon Sally Lyman & at Judge L's. Met McCloud & L. F. Lyman. To day, Camp R. & Hales His Com Law morning, Ovid P.M, & Blackstone this evening. Wrote to Whiting Saturday afternoon. 4. Splendid days to compensate for past severities of weather.

Thursday Evening. All dressed for a wedding party at Mrs Boswell's given to Mrs Bufort (Miss Child that was) on their way to Louisville Kentucky. This Bufort is a fine talented grad of West Point. taken to the law from the Army.

Since my last I have finished Hale's His. of Common Law & read the usual quantity of Camp R. in the morning, Ovid in the Afternoon & at the house Goguet on Origin &c & Lives of the Signers with a peep into the last. North American. Tuesday P.M. a meeting of some of the Citizens preparatory to organising a Mutual Fire Insurance Company. I want to be Secretary & some of them know it. I shall lose it therefore probably if it is to be worth any thing. Bethia came over Tuesday & is passing the week with us. One of the best souls that ever tabernacled in clay.

Friday. Went to Mrs Bower's last evening. Bufort & his two bride's men from W. Point Hopkins & Smith all in military dress. ~~His wife~~ The bride beautiful. Party small & with Mc Cloud's declamations went off pretty well. After the Party Lives of the Signers till 1/2 past 12. This forenoon lazy except 50 pages C. Rep. P.M. Ovid, Helen & Bethia. Evening S. T. Lyman & finished 4 Camp. Reports. Newspapers never noticed in this record. I should like to fill up this page. how shall it be done? Columbus deserves no credit for the discovery of a new world. As a discovery merely it was an accident. He supposed he should discover a new passage to East Indies. His enterprise & perseverance were the traits that distinguish him above the herd —

Saturday Jan 28th Tuesday evening a tea party at
Mrs Christopher Clark's. The only inconvenience
sustained was the loſs of a pair of gloves which I
recovered to day. Nothing happened this week
worth recording. Saunders's reports forenoons at
50 pages a day. Ovid afternoons & Blackstone evenings
before leaving the office. Invited to violate the
bar rules by Theodore Sheldon, refused & the
invitation afterwards tendered to & accepted by
E B Forbes was the man I have since learned
Sam Wells as I have good reason to suppose.
Abram Temple aſsigned last night by which
I make nothing. Thermometer for a day or
two lower than ever, yesterday morning 8° below 0.
Monday 30th Yesterday heard Stearnes preach 2 fine
Sermons. Forenoon Christ formed in you the hope of
glory. showing the spiritual nature of Christianity
the impoſsibility of embodying it in creeds & confini
it down by words & set phrases. Afternoon The sandy
& rock foundation, who build on the sand &c &c.
Read for my own private edification in Genesis & Laws
serious call. The "call" is full of wisdom & profo
thought. Its only fault is that he pushes some
of his important positions so far that they sometimes
clash. Perpendicular piles may be driven so deep
as to interfere with each other though apparently
equidistant at the surface. Evening called a
while at Mrs. Upham's. Violent N.E. snow storm.

(To day a drenching rain, insomuch that my overshoes have shipped sundry heavy seas in navigating the streets. This forenoon finished 1 vol Saunders, & found a new tenant in this building. The rooms above the lower story have been ~~a~~ unoccupied for some time past except the one in which I abide. Going into a room in the 3^d^ story ~~today~~ this morning, I discovered a coffin & a corpse. A venerable old Irishman with his long silver locks given to the wind enveloped in a dingy shroud lay stretched at length on the roof ~~outside~~ of his "narrow house" his bosom bared for the dissecting knife whenever he should be sufficiently thawed. D^r^ Lord made a fire & I left him roasting his sides & scraping his skin preparatory to flaying, ripping up, tearing out, disemboweling, quartering, & boiling secundum artem. This afternoon Ovid & Irving. This evening Lo here!

(Wednesday Eve'g). Monday night finished lives of the Signers. ~~Yesterday~~ & about nine in the evening made 2 writs ag^t^ Lucius Beach & one in Tim matter. Yesterday attended an Insurance meeting. occupied with the Committee so much that Saunders was somewhat neglected. This morning returned lives of signers to Whitmarsh & borrowed 2 vols of American Encyclopaedia. Called upon

Mr Stearns & communicated the wish of wife & myself to partake of the eucharist next Sabbath. He said that he had thought of speaking to me about it & was glad that we had concluded to do it. This act is rather to be considered a privilege than duty. A man who partakes at the communion table because he thinks he ought to do it does not act from right feelings or not from the best. Who would visit the grave of a deceased friend or look at his picture from a sense of duty?
On my return to office found Solomon Bodman of Williamsburgh waiting for advice which ended in a writ. Had a talk with Theod Parsons & issued a warrant agt one White & read a little in Saunders. This afternoon wrote a dunning letter for Temple, made writings of assignment of lease, mortgage, note bill of sale & bond between John Stedman & Lucius Beach. Rather queer that Beach shd come to me when I made 2 writs agt him Monday night & while Dewey has been his regular Attorney -
This evening tried the culprit above named & fined him $2,00! Very little of Ovid this afternoon. Something however of the story of Medea & Jason. John Q Adams

has lately come out an Anti tariff man. The Dragon stationed at Washington to guard the golden fleece of N. England seems to have had the juices of ~~the~~ Lethaean herbs squirted into his eyes & to have consented to its being stolen carried off by the Southern Argonauts. By what political incantations was this brought about?

Saturday Feb 4th. Thursday completed the writings ~~with~~ for Beach & c. & made another writ for K. & G. W. Yesterday & to day 6 letters of love on new demands left. Also applied to Thursday by Theodore Breck to administer with him on his mother's estate. Yesterday another assault & battery case. Truly this has been a miraculous week with me for business. I never have done a more diversified business of equal amount since I have been here, though I have single jobs more profitable. I cannot be sufficient thankful for this relief afforded to what I was beginning to consider my desperate situation. Thick clouds had rested upon us for the last six months & frequently storms of bills threatened to bury us beneath their ~~ruins~~. Prepare however for more darkness & tempests & keep an equable mind.

[Whatever tossings may await us on the sea of life & whatever sufferings may await the body. take care & have a sure & steadfast anchor for the soul. Mem. the administration on Mrs Breck's estate I owe to the kind feelings of Judge Hinckley he having recommended me to Breck. He commended me for my promptness & despatch in settling the complicated concerns of Mr Mill's estate & now he gives me evidence of the sincerity of his declarations. Oriel has been somewhat neglected this week as well as Saunders. Something more immediately profitable however has been substituted in their stead. Yesterday morning rose earlier than usual & walked an hour before breakfast & had the headache in consequence thereof as I suppose. This morning up again by light & walked & felt no bad effects, but rather the better. How long can I keep it up. another morning?

Saturday P.M. Feb 11th. Last Sabbath wife & myself stayed at the communion service for the first time - a subject not to be expatiated upon here - belonging to the heart & soul not to paper & pen. Monday don't recollect of doing much in the way of business. Tuesday took out letters of administration with Breck upon his mothers estate. Some other little business in the course of the week. together with an agreement to accept a trust as Executor hereafter, involving some trouble responsibility honor & profit. On the whole the future is brightening a little. Thursday was chosen a Director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company which I declined accepting for fear it would hurt my prospects of the Secretaryship in the same. I strongly suspect there was some trick in it in favor of Sam. Wells. Sammy at all events was rather forward in my election & every body knows he would not have been, without a sinister motive. This evening I have an invitation from Hilyer to join a few friends in discussing a saddle of venison at Col Phelps's Hotel. The trimmings & sociableness of the thing prick me to an acceptance. notwithstanding a little sing we had contemplated at Kate Uphams-

Forgot to note that on Tuesday last I had a slight attack of Influenza sore throat &c which was cured by hot lemonade & a stocking at night- yesterday however had it again & the same remedy not equally refreshing — Not well today

Feb 20th. A little more than a week since my last scribble, since which time I have finished Saunders on pleading & examined the construction of John Breck's will with respect to the wife's interest. Clearly the Executors have not the right to the use & improvement of the real estate here. As to the wife's term there is more difficulty about determining whether the Administrators sh'd have it inventoried. Sent 90 dollars to Ashmun by C. Clark. & made three or four writs last week. A week ago this evening took a venison supper with baked pickerel & oysters at Phelps. Mc Cloud Hubbard. Hilyer. Butter- Guitenier & Mosely present - Kirkland part of the time - Discussed several bottles of champagne with little effect upon the spirits & groaned out a few songs. Two or 3 recitations from the Elocutionist. Friday wrote an attack upon an extract of a letter from Boston published in the Hampshire Gaz. & gave it to Atwill - Quare whether he dare publish it. Yesterday Stearns preached upon "Watchfulness" in the forenoon & Regeneration in the afternoon. Brought out "Bounding billows" yesterday P.M. to 8 & 7 metre - Went well. To day no business except a bore from the Breck estate —

Saturday Feb 25th. Not much business done this week. made a pair of calf skin shoes part of one day. A beneficial consequence of the division of labor. Also expect a dollar for writing a letter of license. Hushed up a law suit between Allis of Whately & Storrs & Cook by persuading Cook to complete a one dollar bargain in which Allis had got the advantage of him - No criminal business thank fortune. Wednesday Evening had a firewardens Washingtons birth day Supper at Curtis, with-out mirth or conviviality. Yesterday wrote to Ed. Clarke about his house having imbibed some prejudices against the health of the Ashmun house. Had a letter (funny) last night from Ben Pierce by Christopher Clarke & a receipt for 90 dollars sent to Ashmun. Wife has been sick all the week with a cold & Totty too. Poor little thing was wrenched by an Emetic last night & to day is no better. Stupid. some cough which makes the tears flash in her eyes. a good deal of flegm in her throat & some fever. Must see Dr Flint again this very day. This is the first serious illness she has had & instead of complaining we should be thankful that we have been visited with so little sickness. If it was not for wife's fears of the croup it would not be a very difficult matter to get along with.

March 14th. Last week appointed Secretary of the Hampshire M. F. Insurance Co. Wrote a review of Eugene Aram for the Courier. Wife very sick with influenza for the last fortnight, now a little better. Myrtle mixture for the heart-burn. Flint in constant attendance last three weeks once a day. Mrs Monroe 4 days. Wrote to Governor & C. P. Phelps Saturday in behalf & at the request of C. A. Dewey who wants to be District Atty for 4 Western counties. Competitors thick. Hunt Butler engages Mr Hall's house 1 year from 1st May at $125 & taxes, pay rent semiannually. Made quits for next Court, some already settled & more to be. On *dits* - eggs laid by winged Rumor.

He who writes scandal uses a quill plucked from the wing of the same bird.

In times of peace, turtle doves may hatch in *chapeaus* & swords be used for pudding sticks.

Among forest trees pioneers are cedars. They take root in a sterile soil. Other growths succeed & overtop them & at last they disappear & a thickly timbered wood succeeds. Apply the same to pioneers in the march of population to the west.

The man who refuses to do you a favor unless he can secure some advantage to himself is is like Mahomets mule a very intelligent beast Alborak, who refused to carry him on his back in his journey to Heaven when Gabriel came for him unless Mahomet would stipulate that he should be provided for in Paradise.

Friday 16th. To day brother William came into my office about noon after an absence of 4 years & more. Time has made very little alteration in his features. A ride of a thousand miles has given a dark tinge to his complexion & religion a sombre hue to his conversation. It is quite evident that his spirit is humbled, pride broken, & that he is much changed & improved. Danger of a gloomy religion from a lurking melancholy in his eye. (Had no conversation with him about the tenets he has adopted. Seems to be blessed with a spirit of philanthropy of which I should like a little more myself. (Helen in night cap & flannel gown & raw roast pork for dinner. To day corrected proofs for Hamp. Mu: I C By laws & read newspapers & looked into the statutes. Wind raw & gusty. Fuel running low & spirits ditto for the whole week. Dikeman & Shepherd thunderstruck at the amount of their bill of cost v Bartlett. 2 teeth to Totty—

Thursday. March 22. Returned to day from Hadley where I went yesterday to see William & carry over Mother & Tott. Tott after the sitting of a grand jury of women with Dr Flint at their head was condemned to be weaned, so she has gone to Hadley where she can have plenty of cream & no mother to think of. 9 months old 7th of next month. Bore it last night very well. Slept in the cradle after a good deal of worrying till after eleven & then worried & slept in Bethia's arms till 3, then went to bed & slept two hours or so. Looked quite pen-sive this morning & was glad to get a nap soon after breakfast. Stopped to see Ben Hooker in Hadley street about his uncle & Elias Howe's law suit. also at Coolidge's store about Mutual Insurance. Conclude that Bill is not inclined to melancholy. He prayed in the family last evening. Got along very well. Father asked me to do it but I was obliged to decline. Quite an unexpected offer to me as I never before had received the honor of being asked. Went up to the store after breakfast to see Ned, & eat maple sugar.

Monday March 26th. Friday wrote a little squib upon Town meeting called Part of 99th Chapter of Chronicles & sent in a letter shape to Curtis. Great fun & great curiosity to know the writer. Kept dark & took a copy of C. Clarke to lull suspicion. Pity if I must stand god father to every anonymous squib that appears in Courier or elsewhere. I forgot to record that I was candidate for Town Clerk against Charles Hooker Stoddard having declined. Got distanced on account of my Unitarianism. The little scrubs among the Orthodox had 2 sets of votes circulated one with the name of Stoddard the other of Hooker. Stoddard got up & declined at the last moment & then came in the Hooker scrips. Mem— office good for nothing but mark the nature of the beasts. Yesterday cut church & went to Hadley to see Lott. She hardly knew me at first but very soon was rejoiced at heart. She looks pale subdued & interesting with a touch of melancholy in the eye. Poor creature survives it very well however. Last night married a couple for the first time— a she in own kitchen ycleped

Maria Sabin to Otis Pomeroy a twin bastard from S Hadley. Sally & Sophia A Lyman witnesses. Quite embarrassing for fear they would titter. Breath short. respiration difficult. articulation not easy. perspiration copious but no baulking. Two dollar fee returned as a present to Mrs Pomeroy. Called in the evening at Mrs Sam. Lymans.

Monday Morning April 2.

Last week Court week. No session Tuesday. Commenced Wednesday & rose Thursday forenoon. Beggarly account of empty dockets & court houses. Thursday went over to Hadley to see Lott found her nicely & fatter than I ever saw her. Saturday afternoon took Mrs Mills wife & Harriette over & left wife. Wife in great distress, walked the room with a most haggard & forsaken expression of face because Lott did not know her & seemed disposed to cut her society. Yesterday communion service. William partook for the first time. Helen also was well enough to come over & return. Doctor Flint is dismissed for the present from further attendance after a bill probably of 30 dollars —

Tuesday April 17th. Yesterday began Dane's Abridgment. Last week read the Jurist, Bells Mary Queen of Scotts. N. American & Am Monthly - Ben Sally & Elizabeth Cabot came a week last night & B & E. C set out for home to day with S A to Ware. E Cabot a very pretty pleasant & intelligent girl eschewing dirt & duds. Ben & Mrs Mills had a family scene Sunday P.M. Mrs M. reproached Pierce with not going to her church. with offering an indignity to Sally thereby, telling him it was the f worst thing she had ever known him do & that she should mark it down against him. Ben said it must be so then. Mrs M. withdrew B. walked the room once or twice & then rushed out of the house in a grand passion Sally thereupon blew up her mother, saying that she had made her engage herself to him & that now she should treat him civilly - & not insult him while a guest at her own house. Thereupon we walked off to a third service at the Episcopal. Sally talking rather loudly on the way & to the hearing of other good citizens of this Commonwealth. Ben returned soon after to the front Parlor. Mrs M. made a sort of apology & he tried & so the matter ended without a, violation of the betrothment.

Last week Mr Stearnes being about to be married applied to me for board. Don't think we can take him. Mrs M is to have some company this Summer. another girl would be necessary & wife's health is not very good & we have a baby that must be about besides. Whitmarsh wrote for the church organ last week. the price 800 dollars. Have taken the Danl Cook house in South Street for 120 dollars. Intend to move the first fair day. Made two writs yesterday & Saturday night tried complaint for stealing a silk handkerchief. Question of identity to be finally tried tomorrow probably. Went to Judge Lymans with wife Sally B & L Sunday evening. First evening call wife has made for an age. Saw the 99th Chap of Chronicles in print. Was taken by surprise. Wife rather unkindly said I blushed & look confused. Believe, however I escaped suspicions unless Mrs L. had already harbored them.

May 5th. Moved into the Daniel Cook house South Street a fortnight last night. Had a blow-up the day before we moved, wife & I with Mrs M & Sally. They or rather Sally wanted the best rooms in the house. Mrs M had her choice below & Sally hers above & both outrageous because we did not see fit to yield to Sally. Tried & wished to get a separate house but concluded not to do it as Mrs M. seemed very unwilling that we should do it – principally on the score of expense not that she objected to living separately, except for that reason. Some wholesome truths told on each side. Mem. Wife pretty saucy when she thinks her mother o'erstepd the modesty of nature in her maternal character. Last week S. J. Court – Got retained in a bill in equity suit. fees six dollars by Mr Dewey in consideration of having written the Gov. in his behalf for district Attorney, & paid the Postage. fear I have received the wages of iniquity – Also cleared 2 fellows charged before Justice Wells of stealing Hadley geese last Thanksgiving. This week have worked at the house two or three hours a day cleaning up & gardening a little. Mem. a D–sh dirty place when we went there. William here Thursday about a ladies school in Northampton. He does not want to keep & therefore settles such preliminary terms as make the thing impracticable. Reading eloquence of the United States. Dane's Ab. The latter a dull book to read better for reference, though the principles are obscurely stated & some of the principles rather questionable. Business dull. Tott gay & fat. Weather's hypocondriacal –

Friday May 11th. Day before yesterday Frederick took up his abode with us. commencing the study of Latin. Same day Mary started for Mrs. Willard's school in Troy with William. yesterday planted potatoes & this morning corn. Radish & lettuce just come into the world. peas yet dormant in embryo. Tuesday went to Hadley for wife & baby in a horse wagon. Read another volume of Eloquence of United States. Half resolved to write something on the reform & origin & authority of the Common Law. but could not wind my resolution up to the sticking point. Saturday night last. just as I was getting into bed heard a rap at the front door & went down & found Whitmarsh & a friend of his from N. York. Charles St John Hat Merchant. Whitmarsh's firm in New York being in trouble this creditor came. Made out a mortgage to him of real Estate & an assignment to him & myself of all his personal property. Whitmarsh a good deal frightened. Got through little after midnight having called up Parson Sternes for a witness. Found ~~baby~~ Totty sick when I got home, & the bed bedewed with the heavings of her little chest. Wife a good deal frightened. Cause attributable to overcharge of potatoes & the like administered by her Aunt Sally & others. Good lesson. They have been more careful since.

Aug 15. 1832. Almost three months, rather, more than three, have passed since I have written a syllable in this Journal. Reading over what I had previously written & finding the revival of trifling events pleasant I have made another effort at ~~recording~~ writing, idle as it now seems to record transpiring incidents; I can recollect nothing to put down for the aforesaid month of May. The first of June I gave up my old office to Bates & Dewey it having gone out of repair & being filled with dirt & dust, & took another next door to Vinton's at $50.00 a year. As the Insurance Company are much better accommodated by a basement location I intend they shall allow me something towards the rent. It is a capital stand for business if business there were. Before Judge Hinckley left for Ohio he manifested his disposition to aid me by handing his old pension papers to me & telling me that he would send what he could before leaving to me. By his giving this direction to the current there has been quite a pretty little flow of pension business & I have 55 pensioner's names on my docket. The fatigue of making out their papers has been great, & my confinement to my office constant since the long part of July. Their ignorance of their duty under the law, their broken memories, their childish impatience, & their garrulity upon all incidents but the proper ones,

put a man under strict guard of his temper
& call for all the patience (in a hot day) that a
Christian of the first order could muster. However
it helps to support wife & baby. Then the Insurance
papers, the applications & notes & policies & copies to
make out & records to keep & applicants to inform
have made another heavy draught upon time—
time too that should be devoted to professional
acquisitions. Seems to ~~the~~ me I ought to be where
my legal business would afford adequate support
without a resort to collaterals for a living. It
may hereafter be of advantage in that respect
by making me more known abroad.
Little has been done in legal study, though I
have made out to come down from the 3 or 4th of
Mass Reports into the 9th. General reading
except newspapers quite limited. Tucker's
light of nature has not irradiated the subject
much to me as yet. I am disappointed in it,
notwithstanding President Kirkland is said
to have resorted to it as a store house of original
thought. Our house has been full. Anna
Cabot from middle of June to about August
Sarah Blake for nearly the same length of
time. Her father & mother for a fortnight or
so. Charles for nearly 3 weeks. Pierce for 6

weeks hereafter to be completed & William on hand till he can get a place. In the midst of it all, a cry for help. help. help. with the anguish of the drowning.

Last night I took wife rather ill over to Hadley with the baby & left her for this week. To day is the second anniversary of poor: I should rather say happy Catharine's death. & on the morning of the 28th of July last Saturday Whiting rejoined her pure spirit in a better world, we trust. He came home from Cambridge on the 19th & the next day took to his bed whence his soul took its flight on wings of faith & love in a little more than a week.

Would that this silly journal of mine could leave as much evidence, for the consolation of ~~its~~ friends. if friends should mourn for me & I should take my departure, as his does, of a purely christian spirit. An ulcerous, cancerous disease in the stomach, invisible to all eyes & giving no external tokens of ~~disease~~ decay & death, had inwardly warned him, as it inwardly preyed upon life, that he was soon to put off mortality & he seems to have washed & purified himself for his immortal vestments. What sweet & delightful intercourse have their blessed spirits held since their meeting, & how happy would it be if their striking deaths should be the means of making us all meet at last, a joyous family in Heaven.

Ogden Irving returned last night from his sister's wedding at Tarrytown, having bid them adieu for England - Pierre has refused 2 or 3 applications from Brattle Street on account of the delicate health of his wife.

Aug 27. Last week was Court week. About 65 entries & an unusual number of criminal cases - Sunday. Mr Day preached again. Yesterday morning Curtis died - George Briggs spent the day here yesterday full of anecdote but more grave than formerly. There is to be a meeting here Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a County Colonization Society - A strange apathy has existed upon the subject of African colonization (~~society~~) in this part of the country considering the momentous nature of the subject & the claims it has upon the consideration & contributions of the benevolent. (We ought to rejoice if any thing can stir up the feelings of ~~the~~ people upon the subject, & the incendiary doctrines of the advocates of immediate emancipation may have one good effect ~~of~~ among many bad ones, to excite people to aid the efforts of the Colonization society. The practicability of the scheme proposed by this society has been fully tested. On the Western coast of

Africa a colony of Blacks has been founded consisting of between 2 & 3 thousand in number, independent, & republican in government, with schools, houses of worship, ministers of religion, & all the means of prosperity & intelligence in their hands. Ample territority has been secured by purchase from the natives for all the blacks who can be provided with the means & the liberty to emigrate & more can be had - The climate is most congenial & the soil, equals any upon earth for fertility. Thousands are waiting to embrace the land of their origin & of liberty, & Funds only are wanting, & without funds nothing can be done. many Slave holders at the South are ready to emancipate their slaves. but they cannot turn them loose upon society in the midst of a population in bondage. They cannot send them into other states for they will not receive them, they cannot educate them, for it would open their eyes to their situation & put weapons into their hands to be turned upon themselves. They cannot be expected in addition to this great sacrifice of property, to defray the expenses of their removal to Liberia. All they can do, & this is more than they could be expected to do, is to offer them to the Colonization Society to transport them & establish them in a land of freedom -

Thus much they do - Thousands are now offered & are now looking & longing for the land of their fathers. But what can the Society do without means, & how are funds to be obtained except by the organization of societies & voluntary donations. The Slave holders at great sacrifice offer the subjects for removal & shall not the non slave holders provide the funds neceſsary (~~for their removal~~). Our fathers brought them to the South & sold them & shall not we do all in our power to atone for their offences ignorantly committed against liberty & religion - Look at the free blacks among us. I hesitate not to say that their condition as to mere personal & animal comfort is worse than that of the slave. A poor despised race, cut off, eternally cut off, from equality with the whites, by their color, never intended by the God of nature to intermix with them. & they never will, until they can change their hue. But Can the Ethiopian change his skin? no more than the leopard can his spots - The popular feeling upon this subject never can be changed. Men may talk & rant forever upon their equality by nature ~~[illegible]~~ but they cannot convince, they cannot erase the brand stamped upon them by Almighty power - These free blacks fell perhaps a prejudice against removing, a prejudice instilled into them by wicked enthusiasts; but when sufficient funds can be raised to excite & create a general movement, emigration will become popular & the bond & the free among the blacks will crowd in to be restored to the soil whence they sprung, & to their freedom & rank among the nations of the earth - Foreign & domestic missions & bible societies receive large contributions from the philanthropic in this part of the country. But the Colonization society at the present time have paramount claims upon us to either of those societies. It forwards them all. It aids the cause of ~~foreign~~ missions for it lets in the light of the Christian religion & civilization upon the benighted millions of Africa. In the colony at Liberia ~~they~~ natives have a standing example of what religion, liberty & cultivation can do for man, though his color is black & his habits savage - a beautiful commentary upon Christianity & freedom. It sends among them missionaries, it educates thousands upon the spot to preach to their brethren. Every industrious & moral black the moment he lands in Liberia becomes a missionary - a herald of the cross. It aids bible societies, it establishes presses among these benighted tribes from which thousands of volumes will issue be struck off in the language of the natives. In short it aids the cause of freedom & humanity throughout the world. It teaches other nations to look with respect upon our forms of religion & government when they see what they have done & can do for a people sunk by their barbarity & color to the lowest depths of degradation. The cause of Colonization accomplishes two objects at once. While it removes from among us that unclean thing - that curse - slavery, it enlightens, throws in light upon another vast continent. Every step taken to rid ourselves of the evil at home, sends good to ~~another~~ a nation abroad - A creature forever worthless & forever lost here, becomes a blessing to himself & others when removed. It is restoring ~~a~~ sickly exotics to ~~its~~ their native soil where they will expand the leaves & bloom ~~with a~~ & bear fruit some fifty, some an hundred fold -

Sept 14th. The foregoing effusion was intended as the basis of some remarks at the organization of the County Colonisation society at which I was chosen Treasurer. but they were not uttered because the meeting was composed principally of staunch orthodox Clergymen & their particular satellites, President Humphreys in the Chair. & I thought my sincerity might be doubted, ~~& feared~~ Neither did I wish to subject myself to the imputation of currying favor with that party. But the cause is a good one. I should have been obliged to have followed Dr Humphreys by seconding his motion. which seemed to me rather an unnatural consecutive. The first Tuesday in September I had another tustle in behalf of the 5 rejected retailers against Forbes & the "gentlemen of the temperance society" which ended after one trial of a day & a half in the rejection of their petition. & after another trial in granting licenses for selling wine to 2 of them & wine & beer to a third. This the temperance men called the worst defeat. Have not made many writs lately, or read ~~many~~ much law. Have looked over Williams's history of vermont & Dobson's life of Petrarch which I bought at Mrs Breck's auction & was therefore in duty bound to read. Took "Bulwer's Conversations with an ambitious student in ill health" out of the Library & read it. A very good book but the Author soars rather beyond the power of his pinions, grasps at a sublime infinity that he cannot reach. Yesterday William came over to stay with us a few days & practise medicine with Dr Flint. If he likes. & finds no opening for a school he will probably remain some time. provided nevertheless that the Dr goes not get the Superintendency of the Lunatic Asylum at Worcester, for which he has been making some interest —

Sept 22

There is on the Tower of a Cathedral in Seville a weathercock called Giralda. one of the greatest wonders in Spain. a colossal statue in brass of a female intended to represent the Faith.— subject of allusion for poets — Don Alonzo de Ojeda balanced ~~one~~ himself on it with one foot & flourished the other for the gratification of Isabella — Edict against freemasons in Spain — Juntas of Purification established for the purification of constitutionalists. they showing themselves not to have been active in its behalf — if they succeed in exonerating themselves they are indefinidos or candidates for such appointments as may be given them. if not called Impurificados.

Last Saturday evening William Mills had a summons from his Uncle Josh to go to Boston & enter a ship of his that was to sail for India on Tuesday, as a sailor before the mast, if he should choose. He & his Mother started with that intention Monday morning & before this he has probably sailed. This week I have read some law in the 9th Mass Rep. "A year in Spain", & examined a law question as to the liability of a Dep Shff in not paying over fees to an appraizer of real estate. or not being willing to pay as for 2 days services — 2 Writs made this week. next week S. J. Court, Law Term —

Oct 1st Supreme Court (Law Term) was holden here last week. Saturday night Mrs Mills returned from Boston, William having sailed the Saturday previous. Yesterday P.M. she put up a note for him. Father also started for Boston yesterday, to settle up Whiting's affairs. Convention holden here Wednesday evening to choose delegates to the Worcester Convention for the nomination of Governor. Speeches from Bancroft, Newcomb & Bates. Working men's meeting this evening to choose delegates for their County Convention. Plan for some nationals to attend, to secure a Clay direction to it in the choice of Governor — Doubt about these tricks in politics.

Oct 17th 1832. Last week Tuesday P.M, 5 O Clock, Oct 9th. S. F. Lyman Stephen Brewer. William Brewer of Eastport J. H Butler. J. Alleyn Strong. John Fink Jr Cornelius Delano. Col. Ward of Worthington & myself started off for Worcester to attend the National Repub. Convention. Lyman, Brewer, Butler, Strong, & myself were delegates to fill vacancies. Judge Lyman being the only original appointee that attended. We went to Ware the same evening, had a good supper at Sam Phelps, got up at 5 next morning, breakfasted at Bonnie's in Brookfield. & got into Worcester between 10 & 11 - Drove up to Worthington's. all full, went on to Thomas's - all full - after some parleying he agreed to give us our meals but would stipulate for nothing further. About this time we went to the cattle pens, but it beginning to rain we took shelter in the Town hall where was the exhibition of domestic manufactures. consisting in their case principally of cart loads of cheese & butter - not equal to the Hampshire Hall in other respects. The rain continuing we betook ourselves to the meeting house near by where an oration was about being delivered by Waldo Flint brother of our Doctor - a very neat, sensible, production & exactly adapted to the occasion. Gov. Lincoln presiding - We betook ourselves next to the ground destined for the trial of strength in working cattle but the rain being too severe for me. I returned to Thomas's under the shelter of George Bancroft's umbrella. Towards night some of our party thought of going over to Millbury for lodgings & whist, but by the agency of Frink & Delano stage men, beds had been provided for us near by Thomas's as follows - Acroſs the way in an old store was a ground room which seemed to have been deserted for all human purposes, but was now made convertible for a vast mass of flesh & blood. In one corner was a bed on the floor nearly wide enough for three. on the opposite side a bed & bedstead for 2. next a bed on the floor for 2. next bed & bed-stead for 2. & then in the other opposite. corner a single bed & bed-stead. Between the first & last lying down contrivances was a chimney without a fire place. I turned my back upon the company. face to the wall & touched off the separate lodgments - the bed for 3 on the floor to Butler Brewer & Strong & the single bed to myself. This assignment made fun enough. as we owed a grudge to the 3 for disturbing us the night before. My bed I gave up to Gere who was rather unwell & took a bed with Sam. Lyman. The roads were muddy & we had brought into the room on our boots a goodly quantity of moist dirt - then we had smoked freely & spit liberally & trod about sufficiently so that undressing could be done to great advantage, There was one chair in the room - the air of the room was damp as the tomb & close as if a pit & thoroughly impregnated with tobacco smoke & the breaths of ten men. The sheets were slimy having been often slept in before, & then exposed to dampness. & the bed-steads ricketty. I suppose all the dirty sheets of the previous week had been picked out from the dirty clothes closet at the tavern house & put to a second term of service. On Wednesday evening Butler Brewer Strong & myself under the escort of George Bancroft ~~& myself~~ were introduced to the Governor took a hasty cup of coffee & then went to Caucus at the Court House. Stephen White was put in the Chair & a Committee sent out to report the mode in which the Convention should be organized on the morrow. They reported that the members should be called to order by the then Chairman. that the Worcester delegation should invite a Clergyman to offer up prayers & that a Committee should be appointed by the Chair to report to the Convention a list of officers. & that the Convention should aſsemble at 9 O. Clock on Thursday - Thursday the Convention aſsembled between 5 & 6 hundred in number - Officers were chosen &c &c. I saw Hill my claſsmate who invited me to take a bed at his house but Lyman was apprehensive as to whom he might have for bedfellow in such case & therefore I did not accept. The aſsembly was a noble one. Every tavern was filled to overflowing. Not a place where a man could find rest for his resting apparatus -

Friday at 10 Webster commenced ~~sp~~ his addrefs to the Convention & continued it about 2 hours. Thomas told Emmons that he was up all night the night before which may account for his moving the postponement of the resolutions the evening before to the next day - he wanted further time for preparation - When he rose. John Davis moved that he might be invited to take the stage as there were many who wanted to see as well as hear him. The lower floor was filled with members & the galleries for the most part with ladies - He walked on the stage amidst loud clappings. I sat fourth or fifth pew from him & had a full view of him from head to floor. He was considerably embarrafsed at first owing to his naked position probably as was evidenced by his deep breathings - He more than equalled my expectations. His forte is in his emphasis voice & look. His features undergo while he was speaking wonderful changes of expreſsion according to the sentiment working within. The expreſsion of scorn & contempt & anger is the most wonderful. You can see those feelings working within as plainly & as horridly as writhing blood thirsty leeches or preserved monsters in a glafs jar. or ~~rattle~~ snakes in a glafs cage.

He is not a very fluent man though choice in the selection of words. Some of his sentences were imperfectly finished & now & then he hesitates. In the fore part of his speech I thought I had heard others speak as well, but I soon gave up that fancy. When he said a good thing which specially met the approbation of the audience he seemed inclined to ring a change or two upon it as public speakers are wont to do. At the close of his speech in view of the dangers of the country he was so moved himself as to be unable to proceed for a moment & his audience also to a man, but the women were rather insensible. Amply were we repaid for all the inconveniences we suffered during our sojourn. Saw several old acquaintances. Wood of Fitchburgh. Dr Blood. Folsom. Baldwin. Hastings. Harrington. Freeman Bill Lee &c - We left at 4 P.M. as soon as Everett had finished reading his address to the people & slept at Ware. Played whist & lost a little Champagne till between 1 & 2. & got home to dine Saturday. Found all well at home & shall never regret the money & time spent. Having heard Webster I would go farther than ever to hear Clay -

Dec 14th. Since writing the above had considerable to do - County Convention after the Worcester Convention Chosen chairman of County Committee to carry National Republican ticket - had to appoint Town Committees through the County with a printed circular to each Town - Get votes printed &c & made out to raise Lincolns vote from the last year considerably - Run for Representative myself got 180 votes & was defeated by the machinations of Mo Breck & Co. who made use of a hiſsing & scraping that the Nationals gave Chauncey Clark ~~the~~ at a Caucus the night before election to run their Candidate down - Thus Clark was chosen in my stead - Not sorry except for being beaten after being run - better for my affairs not to go - Flint & Dickinsons demands are to be collected this winter & old pensioners attended to so that it would have been peculiarly difficult for me to have left - The large vote given for Jackson in New York Pennsylvania & Ohio which the opposition had calculated upon with great certainty caused great dejection for a while - Even the Jackson men were astonished at their succeſs - I was allowed $88.00 for my services as

Secretary of the Mutual Insurance Co.
up to 1st Dec. Not so much as I ought to have
had but better than nothing in these
hard times - Yesterday the proclamation
of the President came against S. Carolina
nullification & will no doubt produce a
sensation. I predict that it will drive
the Nullifiers to Secession, though it would
rather a silly thing since the President has
granted all they ask in his message.
Bancroft read the message last evening
at the meeting of the Mechanics institute
~~la~~ with great effect. A committee was
appointed to call a Town meeting if they
should think it advisable; to pass resolutions
supporting the President in the ground he
takes against the nullifiers - Quare
about this - Bethia also came over to
stay with us a while & William remains in
our family yet - Thanksgiving we all went
over to Hadly & had a fine time - Shut up
the house Wednesday afternoon & returned
Saturday morning - John Phelps & wife
were there Thanksgiving night - Tuesday
last we went over to visit at Uncle Phelps -
Stearns & wife & mother & Mrs Whitmarsh &
her mother - Frances taken sick that P.M.

Have been up by candle light in the morning most of the time since thanksgiving & made pies - this morning over slept - Fanny is as hearty as could be wished - rather slow about talking though she understands what is said to her pretty well - Read Story on Bailments this week & keep Saunders on pleading at the house. Reading on the Sabbath "Graves on the pentateuch". Have been so much occupied this fall with politics pensions & Insurance that I have not had leisure to read much law - Law business a little better for a week or two by Deacon Hopkins failure in Hadley, & some other little things - Mem - Be more punctual in entries in this journal - Very little severe cold as yet - rather cloudy & rainy lately but on the whole a most delectable Autumn & mild winter thus far. Mr Irving here the latter part of October to get his household stuff on to New york. a most miserable man to all appearance having lost his wife about a month before by consumption. - Ladies had a fair at Cattle show to pay off their subscription for the organ & raised about 300 dollars. - more than sufficient -

Saturday Dec 15th Last night & this morning made 2 justice writs & one court v Dan Cook of Hadley who has failed under the burden of 20 or more writs. Last night also S. F. Lyman returned from Boston & to day delivered me a letter from Charles Mills enclosing a draft on Globe Bank for Col. Bartletts pension. a bundle from Mrs Mills & letter from her & Sally to wife & love from Harriette - Presents for Totty. Spoke for the printing of 5 quires of blanks for pension money at 50 cts per quire - Paid Stoddard my last court bill & took my justice fees of Stebbins & pd him for some stove pipe for my office. Blew up barber Ingalls & his clerks for saying that I interfered with him in his purchase of a load of wood & then had my hair cut as an offset - Looked some time at the Registers office into the concerns of the Bartletts in hopes of finding something on which a two hundred & fifty dollar claim of a poor widow who lent them all her earnings might rest & think I have hit upon a good scent - Had a long bore from Lewis Hunt in the morning who goes to Ohio Monday - Proclamation of the President seems to take well as yet - Up this morning before six. Read Saunders Pleading & Evidence an hour, & to day read over carefully the proclamation & looked up a law question - Load of wood 2.25 -

Dec 29. 1833.

More than a year since an entry in this diurnal Let us look back. Stayed in Bulls house South Street till the 10th of May. The last of May bought the house we live in of Lewis Strong & E Williams. subject to a mortgage to Hodgkinson for between 900 & 1000 dolls. Gave 1500 dolls. Mortgaged for 300 to Williams & paid the overplus of the Hodgkinson mortgage - Shingled it this fall. Call it a good speculation in futuro. In May upon the death of Gen Hooker was invited by County Commissioners to take charge of the Register of Deeds Office till an election should be made by the people which was not effected till the 5th trial Christmas day as tomorrow's counting will probably show. This election has been attended with a vast deal of excitement. Until the last Swan had been a candidate, but he having withdrawn so that either Kellogg or Clark must succeed, each party fought for life or death. Clark was the working men's candidate. I provoked his friends excessively by squibbing him a while ago in the Courier under the signature of Janus. which called out a personal attack on me as the presumed author & which did them no good & me no hurt. Sam Parsons the alleged author but no doubt Clark himself superintended it. & perhaps Judd. Editor - However they are beaten routed horse foot & dragoons as they were at the State & Representative elections in November. This is the second year that I have had a great deal to do with elections, necessarily somewhat having been reappointed Chairman of County Committee by the National Republican Convention holden at Worcester. In the middle of August wife was taken with a slow malignant fever which has extensively prevailed in this region & especially in this street & was very sick for some time. The disease settled in her limbs so that she had a fair prospect of being a cripple for the winter which she fortunately has escaped. In October Whitmarsh & wife invited her to ride in their barouche to Boston which she hobbled into & returned in about a fortnight with Edward Clarke & wife & Sally enseint. Poor Tot during her mother's sickness was completely lost & dispirited. She passed some weeks at Hadley. & when she came over to see us could hardly be persuaded to stay in the sick room. She acted as though she was really sick herself till her Mother got better. When she returned from Boston she seemed to be nearly well, but a hacking cough did not quit till some time after. And now her hair has taken after it & very little remains

In July Sally & Ben Pierce were cleverly united by
Dr Penny in the morning & Mrs P., Sally Lyman Helen
Charles Tot & myself accompanied them to Belchertown,
dined & returned. Got P. off from a note of forty or
50 dollars payable the 1st of January 1836 or 7, I believe,
given in a passion for damage done a horse he
drove to Springfield one hot day, when in courtship.
In August Edward with a brother of his now partner
bought out Snow & commenced a dry goods business
1st of September, with Frederick for a Clerk a while
who boarded both with us till F. left, Thanksgiving
to go on with his studies, & E. continues. William
Mills returned in November from his years
voyage to the E. Indies, sick as death of a
sailors life & I arranged with Edward to take
him as a Clerk. William H. commenced a
ladies School October & continues it. He also
has boarded here since Thanksgiving, all
which with a girl & boy in the kitchen, Mrs M
& Harriette, make a small sized family. Wife
did the work for a fortnight in Elisa's absence except
washing which ~~did~~ established her health. With
the aid of the Register's Office Mutual Insurance, &
Pension business I make out to live, but I have
serious fears about William's getting his 300
dollars in the Spring - By way of surety I have put
a private attachment on Brother Putnam's

property in Adams to keep his note good, sent the writ to Robert Briggs - In this street Mrs Upham Justin Clark & Daniel Butler have died within 2 doors of us of the fever, the past season. Theodore Strong, Alleyn & Elisabeth S. have been sick with it, also Cath. Upham, Mrs Moreton & others. Mr Stearnes lost his infant. On the whole the past year has been one of great changes, danger & deliverance to wife's family, my own, neighborhoods & town. Tomorrow after a long absence from my old office I expect to reinstate myself in it, commit the business to Hinckley S. L. in my expected absence with half the nett profitt of business, give up the keys of Registers Office to Kellogg, & start for the General Court. I ought to mention that about the 9th of November I was one of a Committee with Kirkland Hinckley, Hilyer S. T. Lyman & Geo Shepherd to go to Springfield to invite Clay to Northampton. Mr Bates went with us. After his arrival at Springfield where his welcome was very cordial he went out on the piazza of the second story of the Public House & bowed to the crowd after which we of the Committee were introduced to him & I tendered him a formal invitation to N. We dined with him & about 30 others & at 6. P.M. he went to the Town-Hall filled to overflowing & was addressed by Judge Morris. His reply was about half an hour in length, touching upon the New England interests, his course on the Tariff last Winter, with one or 2 palpable hits at the President. He did not seem to enter fully into the feelings of an excited Orator but occasionally gave us touches of his power. It was no time to compare him with Webster in his Worcester Convention Speech, if it ever can be done. Judging from what I saw, Webster is much the greatest man & quite as eloquent. The next day Springfd people escorted him to Millers (half way,) where a Northampton esco cavalcade took him up & brought him on. Soon after starting from Millers we were met by an Omnibus full of ladies who had kept Mrs Clay waiting at Smiths an hour or two for her husband. We reached the Mansion about 3. P.M. after considerable wetting. had a dinner & champagne of which some partook for several hours & in considerable quantities. Sunday evening was a sort of levee at the Mansion so that our operations for Elections the next day, caucus &c were much obstructed. A representative ticket however was agreed at my office agt the Lokies, which succeeded with the exception of one who has always been a dead weight John Wright

What was singular the Workies carried a great majority for their Governor. (Allen) & their first Representative. Warner) & then lost their other 3. one at a time, except the last, close balloting, great excitement motion to adjourn to next day - not carried Jonathan Strong & myself declared elected - Some cheering & clapping on our side. I being made Town Clerk after Hooker's death, had to sit in the midst of it & record my own election which really shocked my modesty.

Thursday Jany. 2d 1834 - Monday last Dec 30th. after settling my accounts with the County Treasurer during the time I had been Register, paying him over about $102, hearing Kellogg declared elected, & giving the office in charge to him, ~~tt~~ a Berkshire Extra came in with the Pittsfield & other Representatives with whom I begged a passage to Belchertown. About 1/2 past 1 2 men from different parts of the County came with 2 deeds which they wanted entered without any delay for fear of attachments - a thing that scarcely had happened during my care of the office. If I had left in the morning with the Northampton delegation as I had thought of doing, there might have been a fuss. I got Whitney & had them recorded & signed the certificates, paid over duties the second time, bid wife & Sot good bye & started for Boston. Had Col. McKay. Rockwell & others for company. Next morning took the Mail stage & reached Bo here at midnight, just riding the old year out. Made some half way resolutions to do better the coming year just before midnight. Stop at the Marlboro' Room No 18. Took off the wrong trunk from the Stage found it out just as I was going to bed & did not sleep so well for the discovery. Got up next morning to go to the Stage office met Painter a fellow paſsenger & Rep from Cummington who told me had it in custody. Felt better & got changed took breakfast & went to the State House. Members draw for seats by Counties. Clerk opens a box hands out the numbers rolled up with a bit of thread around them to such as stand by. They ~~to~~ state the No to the Meſsinger who presides in this busineſs, he records it ~~g~~ in a book containing the names & places of abode of the members made up of course from newspaper returns, & the drawer keeps the number. My number did not carry me into the gallery ~~wh~~ but gave me a seat on the Southerly or Westerly side, third from the paſsage to the gallery against the wall. I changed it to day for 303 facing the Speaker at the request of the Peru member who could not well face the light. The house was called to order by Meſsinger of Boston the oldest member from Suffolk, according to usage. He asked the House if it was their pleasure to appoint a Committee to collect the returns or certificates of the Members to see if a quorum was present, which being carried & it being ordered by them that the Chair should appoint them, he appointed a Committee of 5 or 7. who collected the credentials, went out, & returned saying that a quorum was present. A committee then appointed to wait on the Governor & Council & tell him that the members were ready to be qualified. The Governor sent word back that he would attend ~~at~~ when he got through with the Senate. He came in with Lieut & Council. when the House rose. He took the Speaker's chair, Lieut on the right, bowed 3 or 4 times & sat down. Council seated in front of Speaker's chair. He then called upon those members constitutionally elected to rise & take the oaths prescribed by the Constitution. They rose. he then told them to repeat their names, All repeated at once. He then ~~rep~~ gave the 3 oaths to support the Constitution of Mass. to discharge the duties of Rep. & support the Constitution of ~~Mass~~ U.S. The quakers were then called forward to affirm. 10 or 12 in number. Several not in at the time were afterwards sworn in front of Speaker's chair. The house being qualified, the Governor retired & the Chair asked the House if it was their pleasure to proceed to the choice of a Clerk. They signifying assent a Committee was appointed by Chair to collect sort & count the votes. Cushing had every vote but one. the chairman of that Committee waited upon him to his desk. He then took the

voice of the House on the choice of a Speaker, & appointed
a Committee naming them to the House one by one
to collect &c the votes for a Speaker. He was somewhat
agitated & forgot to ask the House if ~~it~~ how ~~was their pleasure~~
~~to have~~ the Committee should be nominated. Calhoun
was chosen by every vote but one & made a short speech.
He read a letter addressed to the Speaker from J. Q. Adams
declining to be a Candidate for Governor in the Legislature.
It is said the Anti-masons were quite as much surprised
at this movement as the Nationals, but it was just
like Johnny Q. Last evening the Nationals had a
Caucus without speeches & without spirit & appointed
a Committee of 3 from each County to prepare &
distribute votes for "National" Senators. Called
to see Charles last night & went down to Commercial
wharf to see the improvements. Met George Bancroft.
Bought a pair of boots yesterday & had my hair cut. also
put 2 loads of letters in the Post office sent down by me from
N— Bought a pair of gloves this morning. Little
business done in the House to day, because the ~~joint~~ Senatorial
Committee on Senatorial elections had not made their report as to vacancies
&c. Eliph Williams says he battled the Antis 2 hours
in the Senate as to the Colrain returns which being
rejected by the Governor & Counc. made Wells elected
by the people. The Grand Lodge sent in a surrender
of their charter, with a long communication
hitting the Antis hard now & then, which was

Laid on the table. One Ruggles then moved a special Committee because the party to which he belonged were insulted in it. Out of order – Withdrawn – This surrender gives the Antis another blow on the head. Gen Hoyt winked while it was reading as if he would crack his spectacles & pulled his beard desperately. It is to be printed, & there will probably be a squall in the House yet. Dined at James Mill's with Charles. His wife assumed to be quite pleasant. For newspapers take Evening Mercantile Journal (daily). Semi weekly Palladium, & New England farmer.

Before leaving N. I lent John Clarke what money I had deposited at H. Bank belonging to Ashmun's Estate & Hol. Society as it will not probably be called for during my absence.

Jany 4th. Saturday Morning. Yesterday received newspapers & a business letter from N—. Sam Stebbins, poor fellow died suddenly Monday. House & Senate went into Convention at 12 for the choice of Senators where there were vacancies. The House rise & pull off their hats when they enter. & the Senators sit in front of Speakers desk. The President of the Senate takes the Speakers chair with him on his left & the Clerk of the Senate in front & presides. He proceeded to nominate Committees to collect sort & count the votes 2 from the Senate & 3 from the House on each. As fast as one Committee got through another was appointed for the next County, who were instructed when they went out to wait upon the other Committee & get their votes. The Speaker gives the President a list of committee men for the House each time. About the time the last Committee finished the 1st had got ready to report - The whole balloting for 6 Committees did not take more than 2 hours. Our Oliver Warner has been active in forming a coalition with the Jackson men & Anti Masons, who with the working men of whom is Oliver united their forces against the Nationals. Bawling anti masons who pretend that it is a point of conscience with them to refuse voting for a Mason, yesterday voted for Mason Jackson Senators for Hampden, one of them an adhering Royal Arch - The opposition ticket was headed "Antimasonic Republican ticket" - After dinner I wrote a letter to wife, one to Sam L. Hinckley went up into Court Street & purchased a little box for Tot, sent them all with a parcel of newspapers by Jos H. Lyman. In the evening went down to J. Blakes. Saw Mary Stanton, Lucretia Bancroft, Mrs Seaver & Frank S. with whom I smoked a segar & drank a glass of wine - Miss Martineau, Charles Wm, Mrs Tucker, money market &c topics - Yesterday was introduced to Loring of Medway, in college with Forbes & studied law with Mr Mills. Heard Barton of Oxford in the Senate on Wells election - a very pleasant speaker

Sunday Jany 5th Snowstorm - yesterday exceedingly cold.
Went down to Clarks Counting room in the morning
thence to the House. Committee appointed to report
on the best mode of electing governor, the journal
not settling the question whether one should be
ballotted for at a time or two. Adjourned to 11 Monday
before 12. Went into the Senate. Saw Mr Blake, congratulated
him on his election. Said he was disinclined to be
elected - doubted. Called & paid at the Hospital Life Ins
office 20 dolls sent by Roswell Hubbard on C Johnson's mortgage.
Paid for the Atlas up to 1st of this month - meant to have
stopped it but the Editor was too civil & gentlemanly.
Took a long walk - saw Allyn Strong & Dr Lucas here -
Went to James Mills to dine with Sally Ben & Chd. Mills
gone to Taunton. Mrs Mills very piquant. Sally said she
did not drink wine. Mrs Mills in reply alluded to the
color of the tip of her nose. S. did not fancy the allusion.
Mrs M started for Salem ½ past 3. S. Ben & I then called at
Mrs Cabots. Mr Cabot seemed to have been taking an
afternoon nap - shook it off by extra politeness. Mrs Cabot
very fascinating. Mrs Kirkland came in & Sally
bolted - Thence we pushed across the common in the
eye of the North Wester to Mary Clarks, Chestnut Street.
Staid till about 5 then went to the Stage office with Ben
then down to Chandlers to order a Thibet shawl for Sally.
Ben then recollected that he had forgotten to enter the
hour of starting for C. & had to go back. Thence to Clarks

to tea. Staid till 8. Saw fine pictures. French transparencies, & Marys miniature, a most exquisite thing. Called to see Chas coming home & borrowed some of Mrs Martineaus political economy. Took Alleyne Strong up to my room & smoked a segar with him, read a chapter in the Bible & went to bed. Did not hear the 1st breakfast bell this morning – had a disquisition from Dr Lucas this morning on Mrs Wood & Mrs Austin & Keans singing in a very audible tone. Invited to dine to day at Joshua Blakes & to tea at Mrs Cabots. Shall not do as Fordyce Hubbard did here the other day. send word that it is against my principles to dine out Sunday. Mem. The State Museum advertises that members of Legislature can attend through the session by paying for one admission. Admittance 25 cents.

Monday Night. Jany 6th 1834. Went to the Stone Chapel yesterday forenoon. Heard Palfrey. "What is that to thee follow me" addressed to busy bodies – attempt at wit & sarcasm. Splendid interior of church – Dined at Josh.a Blakes. Edward Clarke & Mary Stanton quite excited in discussion about heat of rooms – Mrs Lee exhibited her new year presents when cloth was removed. 2 doll babies – Clarke read – Mr Gannet in PM with Sophia Bradford & Miss Bancroft – Capital sermon – wrote to wife. got a good letter from wife – Tea at Mrs Cabots. President Kirkland & wife & Susan Benjamin – fine figure –

House at 11. nothing done except that Committee reported on the mode of selecting 2 candidates to send to the Senate. That they shd be balloted for separately. that a Committee of 3 shd receive & collect & count the votes at a table front of Speakers chair that Members names shd be called & checked by the Speaker as they vote~~d~~. Adjd at 12. went to Bk. Counting room & got a ticket for Mrs Woods benefit. After dinner went out to exchange wife ornaments. 2 refused. Jones offered $5.00 — Went to See Wooster & Whitney about tak'g Lessons in penmanship -

Tuesday Evening 7th Last evening went to the Theatre. Heard Mrs Wood at her benefit. Best singer known. Figaro 1st Opera silly. Clari the after piece written by Howard Payne an American the most moral play I ever heard. Clari deserts parents in humble life under promise of marriage from a Duke or Count. finding him false makes her escape returns. meets her parents, father refuses to be reconciled. the Duke comes upon them in pursuit offers marriage & the father joins their hands. The scene between father & Child one of the most affecting I ever saw represented. A great many men in tears. the ladies bore it with a great deal of philosophy. Quare. was this because they looked with less indulgence upon Clari's elopement than

the male sex? Barre acted the father. In Figaro
the Page was represented by Mrs Smith in tight
flesh coloured ~~po~~ small clothes exposed above the knee
from which it was apparent that womens nether
limbs are much larger in proportion to their size
than males. This was the most indecent thing
I saw. To day in the house. Rev E. S. Taylor Methodist
of the Seamens Chapel a Unitarian was chosen
Chaplain of the House. Saw Brewer Butler & Farnum
from N- No letters from home. only one from Gen Mosely.
Disappointed. Standing Committees were appointed. I
was put on the Committee of Bills in the 3d reading,
Baker of Amherst Chairman. An important committee
as they have to revise. correct & critically examine the
bearing of all bills before passed for engrossment. Rather
complimentary to a young new man it is said. Attended
a County caucus for the nomination of Councillor for
our District. Oliver Warner & Col Edwards had been
very busy for the working men & by the aid of the
Belchertown antimasons drummed up 14 votes for
Sylvester Judd which gave him a majority, over
David Mack Jr who held the office last year & who
by usage & courtesy was entitled to it again - Williams
& Leland very indignant at the insult offered Mack.
Baker called a Meeting of the Nationals tomorrow on
the same subject to do it over again - Oliver working man
moved that Judds name be reported to the National caucus —

Wednesday Evg. Went to house this morning. Presented Petition of Jos. Lyman & als for Mt Holyoke bridge. Felt rather cheap. If a man is located as I am so that members have to turn their heads in any number when they cry out "Mr Speaker", it is rather embarrassing to see a hundred heads flying round on their pivots pointing their eyes at you like so many double barrelled muskets. At 11 am assigned hour the House began to ballot for Governor. The Clerk called the members names & No by divisions & checked each. Took about 2 hours. Whole No 547. A choice 274. Davis 327. Morton 199. Adams 18. Allen 3 Blanks 9. Afternoon session, for a second candidate to be sent up, Whole 357. Nec 179 Morton 263 Allen 64 Blanks 26. I voted for Allen as I did not feel at liberty acting in a public capacity to cast blank or to refuse to vote. Met Ammidon R. J. Payne & Austin Flint & Marian Dwight in the streets. Had a convention of Nationals from Hampshire to nominate Counsellor at which 19 were present who all voted for David Mack Jr. The whole delegation 33 including 2 Senators. Judd at the general caucus had 14 only so we beat Oliver again - Went to a Caucus of Nationals this evening. Carted in the important office of Chairman of vote distributors for our County. Cushing made a speech denying 'pon authority the suggestion made by Washington newspaper letter writers that Daniel Webster was about to play second fiddle to van Buren & intimating that the administration men at Washington might yet support him for the Presidency. All a humbug. Harry Chapman was called to the Chairman & after a private confab with him returned to his place & responded in a few words to Mr C. Was introduced by Chapman to Roberts of Salem who was a while chum with William in College. Appears to be a pleasant fellow. with frightful whiskers & steel bow spectacles. Belongs to our Committee on Bills in 3 reading. with Leonard of Westfield. Hubbard of Boston & Baker of Amherst Chairman. 2 Alarms of fire to day. Atmosphere in House horrible this P.M. _ many head aches. Boies Senator from Hampden came here this evening. Saw also in the House to day Levi Parker Dep Shff my old host when I kept Westford Academy. who is a member from Cambridge. Called him Penniman though I recollected the man perfectly. Rec'd a welcome letter from wife, saying that her Mother wd not come down this Winter if she shd be invited by her brother. Wish I could see Helen Dot & all the rest of them. Legislation & canvassing to the contrary notwithstanding. _ Went to the editor of the Atlas this evening & gave him a statement of the doings of our Caucus which will falsify & expose the Antimasonic statement & suggestion in the Advocate of this Morning.

Thursday Evg. 7th. This morning went down to the Exchange to see Brewer & Butler again—not in this time either. Thence went to the House & despatched some newspapers to N. Rev E. S. Taylor opened the session for the first time with a prayer. rather queer but in good spirit. Balloted for Lieut Gov. Armstrong & Lathrop chosen. Lost an opportunity of going to the Senate on a Committee from the house communicating the result of the Governors ballot, by being in the Senate chamber where I went for the purpose of hearing this same message delivered. Committee go within the circle & look exceedingly cheap—glad I was off—Senate proceeded to ballot & gave Davis 30. Morton 4. 3 Blanks. This was pretty much the whole business. The Board of overseers of Harvard College met in S. Chamber, James T. Austin & Alex Everett disposed to enquire into the formality of the proceedings of the meeting which gave Jackson the degree of LL.D. A committee was appointed to report a fortnight hence—This afternoon went with E. Williams, Wade & Gov. Sturg to see the Navy Yard - Saw the Vermont under cover. also the Boston & the Columbus dismantled & inhabited. U. S. soldiers on guard at entrance where we took a ticket. Got a piece of old Ironsides. Constitution. oldest veſsel in the navy, now in dock to be repaired. Called at Mrs Cabots who was obliged to retire soon on account of dyspeptic pains. Smoked a segar with Mr Cabot. George Blake & George B.B came in - The former discoursed largely on politics. Says he is rather inclined to go with the Nullifiers than for Van Buren for the next President, though he considers it one of the nicest political questions that ever occurred. Went to a Caucus last evg. Caleb Cushing gave us a lecture on political subjects. Said we must stick to Clay if he was a candidate. Denounced Van Buren Jackson & kitchen cabinet, scouted the idea that Webster would play second part. but stop I thought I made my journal up last night before I went -

Saturday Night Jany 11th. Yesterday morning called to see Watts & found him the same old fellow. Dined at Geo Blakes after being taken up all the morning in the House choosing Counsellors in which the Nationals prevailed again by a handsome vote. In the afternoon went down to James K' Store & saw him & Chas.

Mills took me to the Merchants reading room & entered my name so that I have access to it during my stay. Saw there George Baty who took me home with him to tea. Dexter his late partner was there. Just gone to house keeping, his wife quite overgrown - Tea cold rather - Young house keepers, like her & Mary not quite initiated yet. Recd a letter by C. Clarke from S. H. Lyman or S. L. H. Disappointed at not receiving one from wife. but found this morning that Clark overlooked it. Was put into another room in the fourth story last night as I accidentally learned that I was paying too much on the third for my means. Room mate Mr Boies of Westfield Senator - very clever but he did spit upon the carpet all night & blow his nose with his finger this morning with a freedom & disregard of direction not quite so agreeable. I trembled all night for my clothes in his random discharges. Called upon Capt Kit this morning & walked down to his brothers store with him. He is makg interest with Bancroft to get me appointed Judge of Probate by Davis.

Banky would not do it if he could, but I am
greatly obliged to C. for his good intentions.
If there was the least probability of my getting
it I would use some exertions myself.
Nothing of consequence in the house to day.
Went down to Ch's store to enquire if Sally was
in Town to day in order to deliver a letter
from Helen but did not find her or hear
of her. Rest of the time spent at my lodgings

Tuesday Evg Jany 14. Sunday Morning I went with
Ruſsel of Princeton & Sumner of Great Barrington to the
Seaman's Chapel to hear Mr Taylor but heard
Mr Barret. He preached in the Methodist
style from memory I suppose. It is a fine
place to work upon the feelings of visitors. The
interior is exceedingly plain & poor looking.
The sailors excite your sympathy by their
~~p~~ coarse pea jackets checked shirts & helpleſs
looking condition. Surrounded as you
are by so many homeleſs wanderers, who
go there to hear of a home in heaven which
they may not soon reach, to hear the prayers
offered for the loſs of an only child by a forlorn
wife whose husband is on the deep & whose
first intelligence when he returns that will
almost break his heart. It is of itself enough
to throw you into tears. I was so affected

myself at looking round me & indulging the thoughts that the scene suggested that I could not for the life of me keep from wiping my eyes. Dined at James Mills - made a mistake of ½ an hour & found them seated at the table with Mr Brewster of Worthington. Charles was later still. In the afternoon wrote to wife & in the evening went to Handel & Hayden's oratorio & heard the christian dispensatn set to music. The choruses in the Messiah far surpassed any thing I had ever heard or conceived. Two or three of the Solos excellent. Only wanted wife & Tot there. Monday morning took Napier's seat in the House being a better one to see & hear from than my old one. Also moved into his room (44) here, alone, where I hope to be undisturbed. In the PM went before the Bridge Committee for Mt Holyoke Bridge petitioners & made such statements as I could without instructions. E Williams a stockholder in the N Bridge was there, peeping about, putting in a word now & then though he says he shall not oppose it. Then went down to the bottom of Chestnut Street to find Lucy Parsons to whom Mother sent a little present. Did not succeed. called at her brother Theophilus office in Court State Street, & found she lived with her sister Mary in Federal Street. He asked me to dine with his brother William & new wife Judith at his house to day. Thence to Federal Street & after enquiring at several places found Miss Lucy. Had an agreeable call. She tells me that her Uncle William lends Francis Phelps his money to get through College without intending to receive it again probably. One mystery solved. Went to Joshª Blakes in the evening & smoked with Stanton. Lucretia Bancroft sharp & Mrs Sever witty. To day little done in the House except to present petitions & Anti Masonic memorials. Little debate about adjourning to 11. between Thayer of Braintree Lincoln of Boston & Forward of Belchertown. Stayed & made a rough draft of a bill for Newbridge. came home & dressed & went to Theoph Parsons to dine. Had a pleasant time. A little girl about 7. & a fine fat boy of the age of Fanny & looks a little like her in the expression of the eyes. Mrs Parsons is rather a fine woman & looks very pretty. Children ~~at~~ sat at table. & Parsons asked a short blessing. They are Swedenborgians & appeared to be a happy family. After dinner came down & went to Simpkins book store on an errand for Mother. Thence to store. Took a long walk down Washington

Street & then took tea with him. Hannah Dwight second daughter of Edmund Dwight there about 16. Sings finely & a very interesting girl. Came away soon after tea. Lawrence of Belchertown just arrived here. Spent most of the evening with him. He is very busy in making Doolittle Judge of Probate. Have had a cold in my head & head ache more or less since Saturday, like every body else.

Wednesday Night 15th Jan. Had the head ache & dizziness so badly after I finished writing last evening that I thought I should be sick. Felt pretty well this morning. Smoked a cigar & went down to the Store a moment, thence into the Supreme Court room where the docket was calling. thence to the House. Mr Hilliard of Cambridge made a short speech on the temperance question proposing to give final jurisdiction on the subject to Towns. An order sent from the Senate appointing a Jt Committee to investigate the affairs of the Commonwealth Bank & enquire what contracts it may have made with the Treasury Department of U.S. & whether inconsistent with its Charter created some discussion. Leonard of Westfield (Jackson) proposed a postponement of one week. Cushing of N. opposed it in a few words _ lost _ Cushing then proposed an amendment which opened the whole deposit question - opposed by Cushing of Dorchester, Hathaway of Freetown, McKay & Gray of Boston, 2 last nationals & not carried - made the Session a little more interesting - Rec'd a long letter from S. T. Lyman on politics Judge of Probate & some local news. In P.M. walked to Cambridge to see Sally - every thing comfortable - stayed about an hour & a half did a little errand for father at the book store & took the hourly at 5. This evening Charles came in on his way to party of county cousins at Edmund Dwights. Was invited but did not choose to go - Called at Mrs Cabots & passed an hour or 2 very pleasantly. She repeated some of Willis speeches about ladies in this city which bordered upon the indecent. Old Pres. Kirkland & wife came in & I soon retreated - Pretty free discussion of characters. Mrs C. says Sally first mentioned to them about taking them to board at Cam. Mary Stanton stated it just the other way & said further that Mrs C fixed the price rather low - Subjects of conversation at Sally's. Tot, house keeping - Quincy Pres. Tariff - Mrs Cabot's prop. - merits of different houses as to dwelling places - Lucy & Geo. Ashmun. his refusal to surrender what the law gives him ~~of~~ his brother's estate &c &c. & cut out some work for Saturday P.M. - At o

Mrs C; a very protracted discussion on the probability of their being satisfied with boarding at Cam. - Mr Grinnel. Mrs C's history of her love affair with him - Cabot shook his foot to Sfco quite rapidly - History of G's engagement - intrigue to hook him - counter engagements - captain of the marines accepted & rejected - Step mother & Mrs Hall make overtures to G. who causes some objections which at last are yielded - then Locke - then Willis - then Harriette Houghton's Sarah Blake; & Mrs M's misunderstanding - little of politics, but wine & oranges - Geo. Blake's age & increasing infirmities dilated upon. Story Tay came in to take leave - just going to set up business in N. Y. - said to be very promising - been a clerk in J Stanton's store -

Friday Morning - Yesterday morning went to the reading room & then after spending an hour at my room to House. Considerable debate upon a bill entitled An act for the more speedy decision of Civil Actions. providing that a Judge of C C P where the debt or damage shall not exceed 50 dollars. shall try the case without the intervention of a Jury if both parties request it. Advocated by Austin, & Mosely of Newburyport. Opposed by Col Dwight & others. Dined at Edward Clarks on fish & mutton & custards. no fruit - Saw Bill Lee at Tremont. C. Clarke & John Lee of Salem.

Called in the P.M. to see Susan Howe
& had a very pleasant chat. She says Hillard
is very nervous & low spirited. The opinion seems
to be that he neglects Susan & treats her in an
Met him yesterday
unloverlike manner. Then went to Clks. store
& returned to a late tea. In the evening read
newspapers. drank some whiskey punch at
my room with Rockwell of Pittsfield. First
ardent I have tasted this 2 months. Laurence
is told by Forward that Oliver Warner is an
applicant for the office of Judge of Probate:
He has been figuring about for Doolittle -
Saw Lyman wants Forbes. & ~~Clk~~ Christopher
Clarke has written to Dr Flint to get names
for me. Tried to swap wife's earrings again
yesterday but the offers are too contemptible -
Sunday Evg. Friday was in Committee on
~~alteration~~ accounts respecting altering Speaker's
Chair & seats &c. most of the session - Changed
wife's ear-rings & gave 1,25 to boot - In the
afternoon at reading room & my own reading
Thatcher's history of Plymouth. Saturday
morning called to see Wm E. Payne at 3 but I
declined because I had engaged to call with
Sally on Mary Hill at that time. ~~Fea~~ Went
into Supreme Court & heard Fletcher a while
one of the best Jury lawyers in Boston - He

makes no attempt at display. has a clear method & what is the great secret of the success of such men repeats the same idea in a thousand shapes till he is sure to fix it on the minds of the Jury. In General Court all the discussion was whether the Clerk should receive 6 or 10 dolls. Francis Phelps called at the House but I only saw him a moment. After dining Sat I went with Sally to see Mary Hill. We pulled at an end door which looked as if it was a back entrance to the block opposite Gallaghers in Howard Street & were conducted through a dark entry up a narrow crooked stair case, feeling the wet & grit in the carpet at every step. into a narrow dining room cloth not removed. around which we could just edge our way. Mary sent word that she was gone out. I dont blame her.

After walking with Sally down to Chandlers shopping I went to Reading Room & thence here. reading & criticising County Commissioners bill as one of the Committee. Chas. spent an hour or two here in the evening. Friday night had a call from Folsom my old ~~chum~~ class mate. This morning went to the Roman Catholic Church. disgusted with the mummery of boys & men in their white robes & with their genuflexions. One gross old fellow as he was kneeling at the altar in pretended prayer pulled up his robe & pulled out a dirty silk pocket handkerchief, blew his nose 2 or 3 times & then examined a pill of snuff. This he kept up. Sermon pretty well, though far from eloquent or literary. Every time the words Jesus Christ were pronounced by him in his discourse the Catholics bowed their heads. The boys about the altar pulled off their caps. However the books contain a great many good prayers & I suppose a person familiar with the externals can be devotional. - Congregation very large - chants all sung in Latin. Prayers uttered in Latin in a sing song tone. - Contribution - Dined at Geo Bat Blakes - Servants as awkward as our Eben. Ann felt rather mortified but laughed it off. This P.M. heard Mr Taylor at Seamans Bethel. Immense crowd & very hot & oppreſsive. He baptised the youngest & only surviving son of a widow. His addreſses to the Mother & boy were exceedingly good & impreſsive. - The old weather beaten faces were overrun with tears - The sermon was upon the works of the devil - free agency & the way to escape his snares. He ended with an allusion to a case of suicide, the last of eight sons. by request of the Mother who sat before him - He is a man of great strength of feeling & affection of heart. -

Tuesday Eveg. Jany. 21. Sunday evening had a very dull call at Mrs Cabots. where were Pres. Kirkland & wife Geo Baty & wife Miss Mary Lowell a youthful gay vivacious damsel of 65. Interrupted by a dandy of the name of Parish a German - Mrs Kirkland & Miss Mary Lowell had a discussion about the fact whether Brattle Street church had offered themselves to Mr Putnam of Roxbury in which Mrs K. virtually gave the lie to Madam. Talk of Clergyman. Sabbath being holy time, dancing Saturday evg. venison, mutton &c &c - Yesterday morning wrote a hasty letter to send to wife by Mr Clark with some sugar toys for Fanny & wife's ear-rings. In the afternoon commenced setting on Marblehead election. McKay Chairman. Chapman of Greenfield Bemis of Watertown & myself & this afternoon Wetmore of Boston. Two Chairman one by appointment & Chapman by assumption - main question whether there were illegal voters admitted sufficient to change the result of the election in returning the present members. The sitting members are Jackson men - great & bitter feeling between the parties. Set from 3 to 1/2 past 7 - This morning from 9 to 1/2 past 11. This P.M. from 3 to about 5 when we adjourned till Monday next to hear a law question argued on the competency of a witness to testify who does not believe in a future state of rewards & punishments. A question came up this morning whether a person who voted illegally voted by his own account could be asked in cross examination which party he voted with - Committee all but myself ruled that he was not obliged to answer because the right of suffrage was sacred - I disagreed & this afternoon the sitting members by Robinson renewed the subject & the Committee came on my ground. We never could settle the question without this rule. for it is an essential part of the case to make out - At 12 the Houses went into Convention. The old Gov & Council & the elect came in soon & being seated, - the Pres of the Senate stated that John Davis having been elected &c & signified his acceptance & readiness to be qualified - asked the Convention if it was their pleasure that the oaths should be then administered - They held up hands, when the Pres of Senate proceeded to administer &c. Then the Secretary of the Commth made proclamation - He then proceeded in the

same manner with the Lieut Gov, &
afterwards with the Council except that
the Council were not proclaimed. Each
subscribed the oaths in turn. Gov Davis
then took the chair & read a very sensible
message & withdrew the old Gov. following,
a discharge of cannon being given about
that time per order of Gov L. through
his Adjutant Gen. in a blazing manifesto
speech rather to shoot the old Gov. out
than the new one in. Message laid on
the table & ordered to be printed. This
eveg. Sam T. Lyman came to my room
& we went to call on James Mills &
wife - not in - This eveg also looked over
the laws establishing Court of Sessions. Leonard
of Westfield having reported a bill giving
the election to the people. The first draught
was referred to me as one of the Committee
on bills in 3d reading - I found several
inconsistencies in it & reported it to the House
to be taken into a new draught which they
voted much to the annoyance of Poor Leonard
who worked all yesterday PM & eveg. & this
morning at it - Saw Tom Bradford & Jon.
Chapman yesterday. Watts & Lever to day -
All classmates except Chapman -

Jany 24. Friday night. Wednesday forenoon & afternoon & most of the day Thursday when not engaged in the House I was hearing Dunlap's argument in defence of Abner Kneeland the Editor of "The Investigator" a deistical or atheistical paper. for an article in that paper offending against the Statute agt Blasphemy. Dunlap spent about 3 days in the defence & went over the whole field of history. politics. religion & constitutional law. Arguing ~~agt~~ on the absurdity & unconstitutionality of the law & taking the ground that Christianity was no part of the Common Law & that if it was we had not adopted it - Wednesday Evg. I called at Geo. Blakes. Winthrop place & James Mills. Last night wrote a letter to Sam L. Hinckly Mosely. & wife which I intended to have sent by S. T. Lyman but found I was too late by five minutes or so - Got up with a sore throat this morning & have staid in the House since dinner. Played a game or 2 of Chess with Mr Holman - each beat - This evening Chas came in a few minutes. County Commissioners bill giving the election to the people passed to 3d reading by a great vote after considerable debate. Probably the senate will stop it as they have done twice before —

Feb 1st Saturday Evg. A week ago to day went to the house where little was done & in the afternoon walked an hour or two & spent the eveg at home Sunday morning went to the New Jerusalem or Swedenborgian Church. Services commence by the congregations rising & looking over the "Book of Worship" while the Clergyman reads a selection from the prophets or some part of O. Testament. then they turn to a simple chant at the latter part of the book in which all that can sing join without a choir. The clergyman then reads at length from the Gospels the people sitting, then they kneeling he repeats the Lords prayer. then. another reading & chant reading & chant & sermon. I believe this is the order. The sermon from the words "In those days came John the Baptist &c 3 or 4 verses to which the preacher attempted to give a spiritual meaning. John the truth - days states of mind. wilderness the natural heart. Camels hair & leathern girdle the coarse manner in which truth strikes the unregenerate heart &c. highly allegorical. somewhat ingenious & rather spiritual. - Worship exceedingly calm. tranquil & devotional & Congregation very respectably looking. Dined at Mr J. Blakes with Gov. Davis. Geo. Bancroft, Charles, E Blake & wife &c. &c. In the evening ~~[illegible]~~ smoked a segar with Daniel Ward a while. gave him letters for

wife & went with his father to call at James Mill's.
Monday Evg. called at Geo. Baty's & Mrs Cabot's. Monday
& Tuesday P.M. engaged in Marblehead elections.
Last evening went to James Mills Club. Present
Benj T Reed. Harding & Loring. Fay. Dublois. Col. Baker
Dr Howe. Willard Esq. Mason. Tom Bradford. Hedge.
& one or 2 others. Splendid table & capital wines -
Scolloped oysters, fried oysters raw oysters. partridge ham
olives & sallad. Champagne. Sherry. Madeira & Claret &
Segars. Principal topics. Hooper & Jones's duel with
metaphysical discussions interspersed only with
remarks upon shooting & fishing - Pleasant enough
on the whole. Went about 8. after attending a Legislative
temperance society meeting & got home about 1 -
Feel bright to day. Called after dinner for the
first time at Wm Parson's - Saw Francis - Miss Peirson
Mr Carter & daughter &c. Walked about the city
the rest of the P.M. - In Legislature we have had
every day till this nothing debated but antimasonry.
The Committee on Judiciary having stolen a
march on Antimasonic petitions reported a
bill against extra-judicial oaths. Ruggles of Troy
the leading anti mason proposed to amend by
inserting "masonic" & &c - This was objected to by
Foster & Allen of Worcester anti, & Mr Kay of Pittsfield neutral.
I advocated the amendment, on the ground
that Masonry was extinct for all practical purposes,

that there could be no doubt what was intended & it was as well to say so in plain language & that I was a Mason & should never renounce but wished to put the antimasons clearly in the wrong &c. Mc Kay rose in reply & ended with saying that he liked a straight-forward in legislation. As soon as I could get the chance I told the House that I liked a straight forward course as well as any man & meant to pursue it. but the question arose what is a straight forward course? if it was waiting to ascertain the sense of the House before rising in debate & having ascertaining then rising to speak with that sense (Mc K. is famous for this) I did not wish to pursue it. but if &c &c. This got the laugh on to Mc. He got up as pale as a ghost & said as I spoke after him he wished to know whether I meant him or myself. I told him most assuredly I did not mean myself. This got another laugh on him. so that on the whole I got out of the scrape pretty well. Several of the members told me there never was any thing better applied. The debate ever since has been very angry & disorderly & the more that has been said the worse the antimasons have appeared. The Jackson men are fomenting this quarrel to keep the state parties split up — I am for giving them pretty much all they ask —

To day the bill for making Towns districts for the Registry of Deeds was discussed at length. Leonard a Jackson Lawyer of Westfield got up & ~~sa~~ imputed dishonest motives to the lawyers in opposing the bill. At dinner table Hudson spoke to him about his insinuations. I told Hudson that Burke says that he who accuses mankind of corruption ~~was~~ is sure to convict one & it might be so with a lawyer who attacked his own profession - Poor Leonard shut his mouth for the rest of the day. Rockwell accuses me of Burking him - If it was the first time the puppy had made the insinuation there would be some excuse for him. He has been jibed by several of the other boarders & feels confoundedly ashamed of himself-- Glad he has some shame - Kirkland has been here this week & brought me a letter from wife alluding if I can understand it - to the growth of the country in population among other things - "Fanny the picture of health & happiness". What a meaning & what comfort in those words, & how much we have to thank Heaven for instead of repining at its dispensations & complaining of poverty & dreading want - He who hears the young ravens when they cry I hope will keep us all in safety & comfort while we are permitted to remain in earthly tabernacles -

Monday Evg. Feb 3. Yesterday morning went up to get Chas to go to Cambridge but found him out. Being a lovely morning walked down to the end of Long wharf & saw two or three vessels sail & heard the Sicilian Hymn chanted by the chiming bells. Went to church at Kings Chapel & heard Mr Palfrey. Now is my hour come &c. a communion sermon. Should like to have stayed at that service but did not wish to intrude into an aristocratic society. Imagined Helen partaking at N. Dined at Geo. Baty with one Williams a merchant of Philadelphia & brother of Dr John Butler's wife. a clever fellow. We three only at the table. When first went in Blake says "Ann was confined last Wednesday. dont know as you heard of it." No said I. "Yes said he, the child only lived a few hours. Ann is quite disappointed. Females think much more of such things than men. ~~Fh~~ We do not have time to get interested in them so soon. Sorry for Ann really". Cool as ice about it. a man could neither condole with or congratulate him. A boy it would have been - died from some defect in the organisation of the brains. So much for cousins marrying, their children if they live never have half the brains of others. After dinner walked over to Lechmere Point to see my old Westford Landlord Levi Parker & family Dep. Shff. How old it made me feel, there was Luther a little red-curled-hair boy when I was there grown to be a young man. Wm of age & a Clerk both promising young men. & Anna a genteel young lady who used to sit in my lap & comb my hair. O conscience how old it made me feel. while Martha & her father & Mother have altered very little. Staid till 20 min past 9 as the time passed off very pleasantly & I had muddied my boots so getting out that I could make no calls in the city. Had abundance of reminescences - Ann told me how I learnt her to scotch the girls beds one time in retaliation of some practical joke that a visitor of Martha's had played on me. Then the old lady quoted a prediction of mine that I had forgotten, about John Wright, which has come to pass. & many wise sayings of mine & how often she had thought of them &c &c - Delightful to find one's self of so much consequence & received with so much cordiality. I have not enjoyed anything so much in Boston interspersed as it was with a few psalm tunes. Martha appeared to have a beaux for a part of the night as Ann told me that she did not think he would leave at present, when I came away - Called at Chas room a while & got home tired,

This morning had the broad rimmed wheel law under discussion in which Col Dwight talked about the sacrilegiousness of being obliged to exchange the vehicles that have come down to us from our Ancestors. He has great sway in the House, in spite of his habits.

This P.M. went up to hear the investigation of the Antimasonic Committee in the Hall. The Antis enjoy it finely. it is really worth while, for the sake of seeing so many happy Countenances. O mortal - This evening been reading Miss Martineau's Vanderput & Snoek.

Sunday P.M. Feb. 9. Did not attend Church this A.M. Dined at Mr Cabot's & went to Mr Young's Church this P.M. with his wife. Mr Robins preached. "Man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things he possesseth. a good sermon. Yesterday at Wm E. Payne's with Baker, ~~a man~~ & young men by the name of Gore, King & Appleton. No ladies, Left the table a little before 6 - Yesterday was discussed a bill originating in Berkshire taxing the income of capital without the state & proceeding upon the ground that the Constitution does not permit the principal so situated to be taxed. Advocated by Col Dwight opposed by Newburyport Cushing & Gray of Boston. Rejected by a vote almost unanimously - Plurality bill discussed one or two days & deferred to next Tuesday. A bill exempting minors from taxation in order to reduce the number of the House of Representatives. opposed by ~~Att~~ & Chapman, Rockwell & myself rejected - Not all satisfied with myself. Did not come easy to speak though the 1st time I thought it very pleasant - Called at Winthrop place one evening & played a game of whist. also at Mrs Cabots. & Thursday P.M. walked out to Cambridge. Sally was out. Went to see Mrs Howe. Mary & James visible. Called again at Sallys & passed an hour nearly. looked at their carpets & went over the house they are to occupy & walked back. Called at Edward Clarkes wednesday evg. & took tea there Thursday. meeting Clark in Beacon Street as I came in from Cambridge. Friday evg went to Warren theatre. (Fred Hill's benefit) with Rockwell of Pittsfield. Clark of Walpole. & Holman of Salem. Clark is a queer honest Yankee & clever as the day is long -

Tuesday Evg. Feb 11th. Sunday evg called at Geo Blakes with Col. Dwight. He took the Col, for a National Repub. & gave us the essence of a speech on the removal of the Deposits that he intends to deliver tomorrow. Afterwards called at James Mills - Pickering Dodge & wife there. His wife is quite a beauty & looks younger than Mrs J.K. Yesterday P.M. called to see Eliza Davis & Kate Upham & Mrs Justin Clark. She seems to be recovering from the loss of her husband. In the evening conned over a few remarks on the plurality bill which I did not deliver to day as there was no discussion - Bill rejected - This morning received a letter from Dr Flint saying that a petition for me as Judge of Probate had been mailed at Hadley. & another letter from Christopher Clarke giving me the names of certain individuals that he had procured for the like purpose They are Samuel Clarke. Simeon Butler. Giles C. Kellogg. Nathan Storrs (that's queer I ran him down as representative last fall) Theodore Strong (queer again I never spoke to him a dozen times) H. I. Hooker John Clarke [I. H. Butler Stephen Brewer] (funny I concluded that they 2 last had gone for Forbes of course) Saml L Hinckly. C. Clarke himself. I. B. Vinton (huzza for the new party) Nathan Dikeman (he has accused me of opposing his election to every office always) Jerry Stickney with whose millinery wife mine had a little blow up. Wm Parsons, J. Alleyn Strong. Saml Whitmarsh. John Trink Jr, Wm Swan) whom I deserted as candidate for Reg of Deeds last fall in favor of Kellogg & who had accused me wrongly of using him as a tool till Kellogg could get strength enough to beat Chauncey Clarke. Good Christian he renders good for evil. Col. Dwight told me had received some letters from N. in my behalf & that he would see the Gov. this evening - Things look better but after all, all the County delegation here are pledged for other candidates & they will probably carry the day for Conkey. Rather provoking but I am none the less obliged to the above good fellows, & wish them the best of Heavens blessings —

Wednesday Ev. Feb 19th. Growing lazy about a journal - To day had Vans petition & attachment law under discussion - Dined at Ed. Clarkes as I met him & was asked on the way home to the Marlboro' - Yesterday spoke against the new attachment bill just long enough to get reported in the papers, mainly at wife's request - She seems to think my constituents will not be satisfied without - House listened patiently enough - Nothing to talk there after a fashion, if I never had any practice as a debater - Monday sent Tot a Primer. Sunday dined at Winthrop place & attended Church in Morning at Kings Chapel Heard young Sergeant. "Quench not the spirit" He violated the precept by his manner - ~~Thu~~ Saturday dined at Wm Parsons & played Chess with Betsey Pearson - beat her twice - renewed acquaintance with Eliz. Carter - Francis Phelps there - Sunday evg at Mrs Cabots - Wm Lyman a distant connection of Judge Lyman's a disagreeable cit elt & wife were there - also old Johnny Kirkland & wife & young Geo B. & Geo. B. Blake. Thursday or Friday PM rode over to see the India Rubber factory where all sorts of garments, gloves, hose, caps & factory belts are beginning to be made. Ladies Prunella shoes &c &c. Friday night went into the pit to hear Fanny Kemble a niece of the far famed Mrs Siddons & her father play the Stranger. She has a bad mouth, awkward contortions beautiful eyes & good figure. In unexcited paſsages affected – in high wrought scenes the very perfection of acting. Voice thrilling – some suppose her married – Last night went again. Moore's tragedy of Gamester – & Katharine & Petruchio – last overacted. First not equal to Stranger. Kemble died too hard – The prayers impious almost. Sheldon the Berkshire Counsellor told me yesterday P.M. that Gov. Davis had nominated Conkey for Judge of Probate – felt a momentary induration of the heart – Davis is a slouch – Forbes resigned Master in Chancery to make his way clearer probably. Kit Clarke ~~&~~ Dr Flint I suppose will feel better than if Forbes had it & their hostility to him had something to do with their efforts for me. Doolittle too will feel bad – misery will have company. Confound Mack & all his crew – orthodoxy is at the bottom of the whole of it. Let me recollect that Col. Dwight has interested himself a good deal for me, speaking both to the Gov. & Mack – How wife would have rejoiced if she could have felt sure of 250 dolls per year. Never mind – Let it paſs. I shant ask for another office till I know another vacancy

Thursday Evg. Feb 27. Had a bad cold several days caught
I suspect going over to Chelsea last Sat. at the Winnisimet
Ferry for the sake of fresh air _ took in a little too much
of it probably. to day have had the resolutions up in the
House on the removal of the deposits. Cushing of Newburyport
made an excellent speech. Same subject yesterday &
day before & no question taken yet. Darling of Marblehead
an old sailor made an administration speech for the
benefit of the ladies in the Gallery. Figure of leech &
young lady - ramming poor people into a 2 inch
mortar & jamming them all to pieces. blowing them
up & their souls only flying out at the touch-hole.
Said he did not pretend to speak the English language
had only a sort of dialect to tell when he was
hungry & dry. aristocracy not content with brown
bread & pork & beef. wanted whip Sullabubs - Went
into Cogswells auction of books to day & yesterday -
Tuesday Evg. called at Winthrop Place, in the
morning received a short letter from wife by
Judge Lyman & one from Sam L. Hinckley -
Also one Saturday morning saying that she & Lot
both had bad colds. Sunday Morning heard Dr Follen.
Let him that stole steal no more &c, honesty industry
& Charity _ Dined at Watts classmate. Went with
them to hear Geo. Ripley in P.M. Partridge late tutor
at W. here. Mrs Mills expected some to night -
shall hear particularly about Helen & Fanny —

Sunday March 9th Last week legislature engaged on imprisonment for debt bill passed & insolvent bill rejected. Last evening after tea went with Edward to call at Wm Parsons & saw Francis. Afterwards called at Mr Cabots & smoked a cigar. Engaged upon currency. Mr Cabot says it is his own opinion, the better opinion in Boston & well understood in New York that the U. S. Bank for the last month have had it in their power with perfect safety to themselves to relieve the pressure in the money market & that they are now unnecessarily afflicting the community. He quotes "Tom Ward" agent of the Barings in London. He says further that Nathan Appleton at first refused to sign the late protest or memorial sent on from Boston attributing the distress principally to the removal of the deposits. He further says that the National Republicans ~~fo~~ considering this a favorable opportunity to acquire the ascendancy have borne & suffered a great deal silently & willingly from the Bank. That the Bank's proportion of specie to circulation is three times greater now than it has been for any previous time - Exchange has been very ~~low~~ on England & they might have imported millions of specie at a great profit. And all this goes to show in the negative to the late resolutions was justifiable. & which some of my constituents have foamed & fretted about so much. The impudent little Atwill goes so far in his last paper as to charge me with being "in the market". I wrote a long letter to Butler last week explaining my reasons & authorizing him to show the letter if he pleased. The flurry arises from Oliver Warner's having written to his brother Solomon that I had put on the "Jackson collar". Solomon blazons it abroad among my friends & my opponents use it for their own purposes & to plague my supporters. All which will defeat me of my election of Town Clerk a week from tomorrow. Tuesday last Mrs Mc & Edward came down from N. & Wednesday P.M. Chas & myself walked out to Cambridge to see her & took tea. Friday I dined at George Baty's. His wife looks beautifully. She has not recovered from a confinement in which she lost a boy in child bell. She says she finds it very hard to submit to her husband's authority. She never was used to minding before. She put a mantel glass up end ways when she began to house keeping & was on the point of cutting an English cheese in two when it was sent home. I infer she has had some pouting times with her husband. She said she was sure she hoped it was true that these little quarrels happened oftener the first year of marriage than afterwards & asked me if I thought so. I told her yes speaking experimentally.. that it took about a year for ladies to learn that the only freedom was perfect submission to the will of their husbands — Last eve. Mr Cabot read several passages from Taylor works a late book against Christianity containing a good deal of learning. Pliny's letter to Trajan about the year 100. passage from Tacitus describing the sufferings of Christians under Nero, about the year 60. According to Tacitus account they must have been numerous at Rome in 60 & yet Pliny in 100 or 50 describes them to Trajan as a new sect unknown at Rome. which is the forgery. Trajan's letter or Tacitus — one must be — This week I hope, the latter part, to be blessed with a sight of wife & Fanny & the rest of the good folks who are not too mad. Yesterday I looked about in the shop windows for play things for F. & have on hand her "great big doll". Last Sunday I did not go to church at all. Dined at James Mills walked with wife her in P M to King's Chapel. & left her to go to Park Street but found by the Sexton that Mr Blagden did not preach that day. Expect to hear Dr Channing this morning & to go with Edward to hear Taylor in P.M. —

Oct 8. 1834. Long pause. Wife had a fine boy Sept 22d. born about 7. P.M. The last page alludes to the wrath of my constituents. Under the operation of it I was turned out of the office of Town Clerk the day but one after I got home last March. My vote on those obnoxious resolutions offensive as it was to the Nationals here might be justified on the principle of representative & constituent for at the Town Meeting the fall before S. C. Allen the working mens candidate for Governor who had come out agt the U. S. Bank received fifty more votes than Davis & the vote for Governor was the largest vote polled that day. The vote for Rep's being later in the day was much smaller. I am better & better satisfied that the bank ought not to be rechartered & of course with my vote agt it. I declined the office of Chairman of County Committee before I came home & suggested Butler who has since declined. As for the Editor of the Courier I have not spoken to him since my return till this morning when he came into my office with Butler to ascertain the amount of a demand left with me & put in suit. some of his creditors having taken the opportunity during his temporary absence to buy attachments. He told my father on his making inquiries of him why he wrote the paragraph about me that he did. that he only expressed the feeling of people here & that Judge Lyman & Eben Hunt both told him he had done perfectly right. Father was so much affected toward Judge Lyman & Co, on this, that for several Sundays he did not come ~~at~~ over to meeting. Judge Lyman has since said that there was no truth in the statement. As for Eben Hunt he is not sane & therefore not responsible. Paid off 300 dolls on my homestead this summer so that there is now no incumbrance except the old mortgage of Deacon Phelps to Hodgkinson. The first of April I began to occupy my new office in Vinton's new block at $40.00 per annum with Forbes for a neighbor & Farnum Engineer of the canal in the rear room. Bancroft (George) has just come out with an address to some of us calling on him for his principles as he is a Candidate for Congress. Ad captandum it is & good but whether he practises upon his principles quære –

Nov 12. Wednesday. The elections are over & I retire into private life. The Whigs have prevailed in Mass. & in Northampton. the working men. anti masons & Jackson men are silenced by a majority of about 200. I have not been very active. except by writing one or 2 articles in the Courier agt Oliver Warner a man whose political character I have so little respect for & who so ambitiously fed the flames that raged here on account of my vote last Winter. that I could not resist the opportunity. The editor of the Courier whom I have hardly spoken to since I came from Boston volunteered his columns. Lewis Strong came out with a communication signed "Hawley" Saturday before election in which he took strong ground against Warner & went so far as to say of him (a member of his own Church) that on the score of piety there were hundreds of men in the community, vastly more unpretending, whose claims were superior to his. Sunday evening there was a caucus. Forbes made a long & rather tedious harangue. Dewey spilt over some of his dish water on the heads of the crowd & Bates closed with a powerful caucus speech. in which he pretty much used what there was left of Oliver. The working men had issued a "huge paw". bill & an address to the electors signed by Charles Douglas, Oliver Warner & Elisha Edwards containing principles subversive of the whole social fabric. One phrase in it was "all men are tyrants by nature God made them so". This Bates said was a libel on the deity - infidelity - that God made all things very good & man among the rest. Good sound Unitarian doctrine this, & perhaps after all the paragraph in question is more calvinistic than deistical. Another position was that sudden conversions in religion & politics are not to be relied upon. Then they talk about the pale dirty faces of factory children, the venial offences for which man may be sent to State's prison for life &c all which was most thoroughly cut up by Bates. Forbes was the lawyer chosen representative. Sam T. Lyman was on the nominating Committee & probably got Fs nominated, though he told me not two days before that he had told Atwill in answer to a request to write for his paper that "he did not know as he had any thing to hope for from the present dynasty". Poor George Bancroft came out with a long letter for the working men having been named as a candidate for Congress & got terribly cut up in a communication signed "New England" by George Ashmun.

I had conversations with Sam T. Lyman. Saml L. Hinckley. Dewey. John Clarke & Frink about being a candidate for reelection, they professing to be desirous of it. but doubting whether it could be effected. Sam Lyman wanted I should authorise him to say I declined in case he found my name would not go This I refused saying that I had been slandered last Spring & nothing would so effectually refute it as a reelection. John Clarke got S.T. put on the nominating Committee of 13 on purpose he says to give him a chance to put his professions of friendship to the test - S.T.L. made no exertion. I told him & the others to be sure that I did not wish them to make any sacrifices for me or to regard my feelings & they did not. On the whole I am glad of the issue. I have not got whiggism enough in me to come up to the spirit of the times & a latent streak of radicalism will break out in spite of me when I act politically - I suppose some of the stiff aristocrats here cannot forget my order introduced last Winter to abolish the office of Attorney General, & my joining Judd Flint. Chauncy Clark & Sam. Parsons & John Wright in a note to Bancroft for his opinions this fall they confess did not please them -

Sept. 14. Yesterday Parson Williams was buried. Funeral Sermon to a large congregation by Dr Penny. Stores all shut up at the time of the funeral. This evening William Mills had a letter from Charles saying that he could have a Clerkship in the factory store at Chickopee. Last week Wednesday Wm Huntington went to Boston to attend his last course of medical lectures, He was very anxious to set out immediately on his missionary tour among the slaves at the South to enquire into their condition but concluded to postpone till he could get a degree of M.D.,

Tuesday
Monday Evg Nov 25.

Last week the C.C.P. sat here. First trial I was for Plff. John Clarke v Williams for a lot of flour. Bates & Billings for deft. We got beat as a witness for deft swore point blank that he paid for the flour. Clarke means to get him indicted for perjury he says. I was concerned also for 2 defts ~~in~~ criminal trials but nothing for jury. 50 entries only this Court. the smallest number ever known. Friday evening the whigs had a great jollification at the Mansion House (Lyman & Wrights) which I did not attend though invited. I loved my money better than its attractions. Sunday Colman of Deerfield preached here _ could not suppress in the pulpit his feelings excited by the treatment his letter ~~has recd~~ to one of the working men has received from the Editor of the Boston Courier & some others. Settled also last week Mrs Justin Clark's broom speculation with Billings Longley & Smith. Had a Justice trial before Forbes Saturday where Theod Strong & Allyn sued for a ram. For defendant. Defence unsuccessful because the deft had not complied strictly with the ram Law & because the Town Clerk had made a mistake in copying his description. Sunday evg a singing school. Yesterday no business - To day 1½ Dollars - Reading Marshall's Washington a second time. Think of writing on reform in the law in Judd's paper. Suppose all the hounds would be after me in full cry if I should.

Hymn composed for the children Christmas Eve, 1844 & sung by them after lighting up their Christmas tree.

Mother Angel! ever near us
Light with smiles our Christmas tree
Let thy guardian spirit cheer us —
All around is full of thee —
Life thou gavest us — our first breathing
Sent by thee, to thee returns,
Our heart's blood of thy bequeathing.
Through our veins for thee it burns —
Sister angels! gone before us
Ere we saw your flowers to bloom,
Scatter now their fragrance o'er us
Shed around us Heaven's perfume —
Mother Angel! oft in sorrow
Thou the cup of life didst drain,
Yet from God's word thou didst borrow
Light for hope & ease for Pain —
Thou art not in cold earth sleeping
Though awhile away from sight,
With sister angels thou art keeping
Holy time on our Christ's birthnight —

Mother angel! soft descending
From thy home in the azure sky -
Kindly with our spirits blending
Fit us for that home on high -

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